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EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

ANNABEL K. MELONGO)
Plaintiff,) Case No.13-CV-4924
riamum,) Honorable Judge John Z. Lee
v.)
) Magistrate Judge Sheila M. Finnegar
ASA ROBERT PODLASEK, ET AL.)
)
Defendants.)

DECLARATION OF ANNABEL K. MELONGO IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Annabel K. Melongo states as follows:

- 1. The matters stated in this Declaration are true of my personal knowledge.
- 2. I was not present at the hearing on June 18, 2008 at which I was purportedly arraigned for computer tampering.
- 3. The "surprise" referenced in the statement on my website illinoiscorruption.net "Annabel has a big surprise in store for the court in its attempt to push her out of the case by pretending she's psychologically unbalanced. This surprise will be known on April 14, 2010." was that I had retained a lawyer. April 14, 2010 was my next court date.
- 4. I used the word "surprise" on my website in other instances, none of which conveyed a threat of any sort.
- 5. During my psychological examination with Dr. Markos on April 13, 2010, police officers interrupted the examination by knocking on the door. Dr. Markos left the room with the officers for about 10 minutes. When Dr. Markos returned to the room, he immediately began questioning me about the statement on my website that I had a "big surprise in store for the

court." I explained to Dr. Markos that the "surprise" was that I had retained a lawyer who would appear at the next hearing scheduled for April 14, 2010.

- 6. When the April 13, 2010 psychological examination concluded, I opened the door to leave and was immediately arrested by multiple police officers. I asked the officers why I was being arrested and they refused to answer. They transported me to the Cook County Sheriff's Criminal Intelligence Unit for questioning. While at the Criminal Intelligence Unit on April 13, 2010, I was informed that I was being charged with criminal eavesdropping.
- 7. I was jailed continuously from April 13, 2010 until approximately October 20, 2011. (I also was jailed at other times.)
- 8. On November 7, 2011, I visited my former attorney's office in a prearranged meeting for the purpose of picking up the attorney-client file he had retained. While at the attorney's office, I was given, reviewed, and took with me when I left the attorney-client file that had been marked with a sticky note stating "Copy File Give to Annabel Melongo."
- 9. On November 10, 2011, after the court hearing at which the judge had given me until November 14, 2011 to respond to the prosecution's motion to revoke my electronic monitoring, I was arrested. After being arrested, I asked the reason for the arrest and was told that I stole some documents. I was placed in Cook County jail.
- 10. Between February 2012 and July 2012, I sought copies of documents related to my criminal case from the State's Attorney's Office. When I was unable to obtain all documents related to my criminal case, I served a subpoena and later a FOIA request on the Cook County Sheriff's Police.
- 11. I did not receive a copy of the police reports related to my April 13, 2010 arrest until I received the FOIA response from the Cook County Sheriff's Office dated September 27,

- 2012. Upon examining the police reports, I learned for the first time that I had been arrested on April 13, 2010 for allegedly threatening a public official.
- 12. My July 27, 2012 subpoena to the Cook County Sheriff's Police was quashed by the Court at the request of Defendant Podlasek.
- 13. I was originally charged in 2006 and indicted in 2007 with two counts of computer tampering. The State included three charges when I was re-indicted in May 2008.
- 14. The document attached to my Local Rule 56.1(b) Responsive Statement of Facts ("Statement of Facts") as Exhibit C is a true and accurate copy of the FOIA response dated September 27, 2012 that I received from the Cook County Sheriff's Office.
- 15. The documents attached as Exhibits B, D through I, K through O, S, and U through DD to my Statement of Facts are true and accurate copies of transcripts, orders, reports, and filings in the underlying criminal proceedings against me.
- 16. The document attached as Exhibit J to my Statement of Facts is a true and accurate copy of a page on the website I maintained, www.illinoiscorruption.net, as of the March 8, 2010.
- 17. The documents attached as Exhibits P and Q to my Statement of Facts are true and accurate copies of official records related to my electronic monitoring, including a copy of the November 9, 2011 report prepared by the Sheriff's Women's Justice Programs (Exhibit P) and the November 7, 2011 permission for movement from the Sheriff's Women's Justice Programs (Exhibit Q).
- 18. Exhibit R to my Statement of Facts is a true and accurate copy of the adhesive note that was attached to the attorney-client file given to me on November 7, 2011.

- 19. Exhibit T to my Statement of Facts is a true and accurate copy of the Cook County Sheriff Property receipt dated November 10, 2011 related to my arrest on that day.
- 20. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Annabel K. Melongo

EXHIBIT B

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Exhibit A

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CCCR N662-125M-6/28/02 (23440565)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The People of Illinois Plaintiff	COMPLAINT FOR PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
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SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RICHARD J. DALEY CENTER
50 W. WASHINGTON - ROOM 704
CHICAGO, IL 60602
THOMAS J. DART
SHERIFF

September 27, 2012

Ms. Annabel N. Melongo P.O. Box 5658 Chicago, IL 60680

Delivery via E-mail: melongo_annabel@yahoo.com

RE: FOIA- (Records Regarding Eavesdropping Charge)

Dear Ms. Melongo:

Thank you for contacting the Cook County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq. (2010).

On September 20, 2012 the CCSO received your FOIA request regarding the above-captioned matter.

Enclosed, please find a copy of the results generated by the Cook County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), based on the information provided. Please note that private information has been redacted according with FOIA.

If you have any further questions or concerns related to this request, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Blagodat Kondeva

FOIA Officer

Enclosures



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PERSONNEL ASSIGNED:

Investigator A. Rubino #5043
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Cook County Sheriff's Criminal Intelligence Unit
3026 South California, Chicago, Illinois 60608-bldg. #5
773.869.
Cook County State's Attorney's Office
Financial Crimes Unit
Investigator O'Hare
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INVESTIGATION and ARREST was CONDUCTED on 13 APR 2010

At 1230hrs Sergeant James Dillon #1068 was notified by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office regarding subject Annabel MELONGO IR#1822117 inappropriate communication on her website, www.illinoiscorruption.net. The inappropriate communication indicated, "Annabel has a big surprise in store for the court in its attempt to push her out of the case by pretending she's psychologically unbalanced. The surprise will be known on APRIL 14th, 2010".

At approximately 1245hrs MELONGO was detained on the 10th floor of the psychological evaluation unit, located at the Criminal Courts Facility, 2650 South California, Chicago Illinois 60608. At approximately 1300hrs MELONGO refused to make a statement to the Criminal Intelligence Unit investigators regarding said comment she posted on her webpage. As a result of this investigation, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office (CCSAO) Financial Crimes Unit notified the Criminal Intelligence Unit that MELONGO had an active arrest warrant for eavesdropping. R/I and Investigator Lesiak #5000 processed MELONGO on the arrest warrant for eavesdropping. A Warrant Service Report was complete under CR10-509371. United States Deputy Marshals McPherson and Wolenza from the Northern Illinois Judicial Threat Assessment Task Force attempted to interview MELONGO in reference to a post on MELONGO's website regarding Judge Leftko.

At approximately 1600hrs CCSAO Investigator O'Hare arrived at the CIU Office and stated that she had a search warrant for MELONGO's home, computer and cellular telephone. As a result of the search warrant #SW106571 one cruzer micro 2.0gb flash drive and one nokia cellular telephone was turned over to Investigator O'Hare. Said property was with MELONGO at the time of the investigation.

At approximately 1700hrs MELONGO requested medical treatment. Investigators Pagani #5042 and McCaffery #499 transported MELONGO to Loyola Hospital located at 2160 South First Avenue, Chicago Illinois 60153. MELONGO was diagnosed by Loyola Hospital with a headache and was transported to the Maywood lockup without further incident.

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At approximately 1900hrs CIU went to 9600 Apt. C Hamilton Court, Des Plaines Illinois 60016 to execute search warrant #SW106571 and determined that said address didn't exist. CIU investigators went to MELONGO's address per Secretary of State records of 9200 Hamilton Court, Apt. C Des Plaines Illinois 60016. Sgt. Dillon contacted the landlord of said property, Tony at 708. Tony stated that she hasn't lived at said address since last year. CIU informed investigator O'Hare of said facts and concluded the investigation at this time.

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I, Investigator Kate O'Hara of the Financial Crimes Investigations Unit of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, complainant herein, now appear before the undersigned Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County and request the issuance of arrest warrant as follows:

COMPLAINT FOR ARREST WARRANT

Annabel K. MELONGO, F/B, Age 37 (DOB: 1972) 5'05", 120 lbs.,

LKA: 9200 C. Hamilton Court, Des Plaines, IL 60016

I, Kate O'Hara, star # 423, hereby state that I am a sworn law enforcement officer employed by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office as an Investigator in the Financial Crimes Investigations Unit, and has been so employed for four years. For a brief time, your Complainant was employed as an Investigator with the City of Chicago Inspector General's Office, during which she investigated allegations against City Employees in the Department of Ethics, Consumer Services, the Water Department, the Department of Revenue, the Chicago Police Department, and the Chicago Fire Department. Prior to that time, your Complainant was employed as a Grant Writer and Manager for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office for two years. I have assisted in the execution of numerous arrest and search warrants and have been the affiant for many such warrants.

In March 2010, I became involved in the investigation of Annabel Melongo for covertly tape recording conversations between herself and the Court Reporters Office. In 2008, Ms.

Melongo was indicted on three counts of Computer Tampering in case 08CR-10502. During the pendency of those charges, Ms. Melongo has maintained a website, www.illinoiscorruption.net,

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detailing the progress of the case. A further investigation of the site revealed that it was registered to Thomas Fisher and Honorine Mbabe Essono, but paid for with Annabel Melongo's VISA credit card. The site is organized chronologically and contains an entry for each court date. On or about December 18, 2009, illinoiscorruption.net published a post accusing the Cook County Court Reporter's Office of Treason. The post contains three audio recordings and accompanying transcripts of conversations between Ms. Melongo and Pamela Taylor of the Court Reporters Office.

The website entry states that on December 10, 2009, Annabel Melongo called the Court Reporter's Office and spoke to supervisor Pamela Taylor. Ms. Melongo tape recorded the conversation, but did not tell the Ms. Taylor she was doing so nor did she obtain Ms. Taylor's consent. During the conversation, a woman's voice with a distinctive accent identifies herself as Annabel and speaks to another woman's voice who identifies herself as Pamela Taylor. During the conversation Annabel asks how to get the transcripts and tape recordings for a previous court dates, and Ms. Taylor gives her instructions.

The website entry goes on to state that Ms. Melongo recorded her conversations on two other occasions. The website states that on December 15th and 16th, Ms. Melongo called Ms. Taylor and recorded the conversations. They appear at illinoiscorruption.net and are published with accompanying transcripts. At no time during the taping does either party mention that the conversation is being tape recorded, nor does either party ask for permission to tape.

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Ms. Taylor confirms that she is one of the voices on the tape and that she was unaware that she was being recorded. Ms. Taylor identified the voice on the recording as the of Annabel Melongo, based on her subsequent interactions with Ms. Melongo.

Wild West domains confirms that the site was registered on November 3, 2009, to an individual named Thomas Fisher, and paid for with Annabel Melongo's VISA card. On March 11, 2010, the site was re-reregistered to Honorine Mbabe Essono, Annabel Melongo's mother, and paid for with Ms. Essono's VISA card.

Based upon the evidence as outlined herein, I believe that there is probable cause to believe that Annabel Melongo committed the felony offenses of eavesdropping in violation of both 720 ILCS 5/14-2(a) & (c). Therefore, I respectfully request that this Honorable Court issue a warrant to arrest Annabel Melongo for the above offenses.

Investigator Kate O'Hara, Star No. 423, Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to

before me on 13 April 2010

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2:49 AM/PM.

Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

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              PRESENT:
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              MS. ANITA ALVAREZ, Cook County State's Attorney by
              MR. ROBERT PODLASEK, Assistant State's Attorney,
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                       on behalf of the People;
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              MS. ANNABEL MELONGO,
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                       pro se.
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     CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTER
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     2650 SOUTH CALIFORNIA AVENUE
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     ILLINOIS CSR LICENSE NO. 084-001910
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- 1 THE CLERK: Annabel Melongo.
- 2 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Good morning, Judge.
- 3 THE COURT: Good morning, Miss Melongo. Good morning, Mr.
- 4 Podlasek.
- 5 MR. PODLASEK: Good morning, Judge. Judge, for the record
- 6 Robert Podlasek, PODLASEK, on behalf of the State.
- 7 DEFENDANT MELONGO: For the record Annabel Melongo, pro se.
- 8 THE COURT: All right. Case is up for ruling today after I
- 9 previously had given everyone the new cites of the Federal
- 10 District Appeals Court case and Miss Melongo did file a new brief
- in support of her position. Mr. Podlasek, are you ready to go
- 12 forward?
- 13 MR. PODLASEK: I am.
- 14 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Actually I haven't filed --
- 15 MR. PODLASEK: She didn't file any --
- DEFENDANT MELONGO: I mean those were just notes. I prepared
- 17 my arqument.
- 18 THE COURT: Okay.
- 19 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay.
- THE COURT: All right. Go ahead briefly, Miss Melongo. You
- 21 may arque.
- DEFENDANT MELONGO: How many minutes?
- THE COURT: I'll tell you when. Go ahead.
- DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay. Because it's going to take like 15

- 1 minutes.
- 2 THE COURT: How about five or ten?
- 3 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay. Yes. Actually --
- 4 THE COURT: Just hit your -- hit your main points please.
- 5 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay. Like you said Seventh Circuit
- 6 Federal Court of Appeal made its ruling in the case ACLU versus
- 7 Alvarez.
- 8 THE COURT: All right. For the record that's 211 U.S.
- 9 District Lexis 208 -- no. That's the other one. That's the wrong
- 10 cite.
- 11 MR. PODLASEK: It's 2012 U.S. App. Lexis 9303.
- 12 THE COURT: Yeah. That was the one that was modified. All
- 13 right. The United States Court of Appeals per the Seventh Circuit
- 14 is Number 11-1286.
- 15 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Yes.
- 16 THE COURT: It's entitled American Civil Liberties Union of
- 17 Illinois, Plaintiff/Appellant, versus Anita Alvarez,
- 18 Defendant/Appellee. Go ahead. Proceed.
- 19 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay. At page like 23 they said that
- 20 "Audio and audiovisual recording are media of expression commonly
- 21 used for the preservation and dissemination of information and
- 22 idea and thus are included within the free speech and free press
- 23 guaranty of the First and 14th Amendment." So that is one point
- 24 that's important, the First Amendment issue.

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     eavesdropping statute operates at the front end of the speech
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     information from which member of the public might draw."
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         THE COURT: Yes. Go ahead, Miss Melongo.
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         DEFENDANT MELONGO: "Either way it should be clear by now that
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     its effects on First Amendment interests is far from incidental.
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     To the contrary, the statute specifically targets a communication
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     technology; the use of an audio recorder, a medium of expression,
     triggers criminal liabilities. The law's legal sanction is
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directly leveled against the expressive element of an expressive 1 activity. As such, the statute burdens First Amendment right 2 directly, not incidentally." 3 Last but not least, "The Illinois eavesdropping statute 4 obliterates the distinction between private and non-private by 5 criminalizing all non-consensual audio recording regardless of 6 whether the communication is private in any sense. If protecting 7 privacy is the justification for this law, the law must be closely 8 tailored to serve that interest in order to avoid trampling on 9 speech and press right." 10 11 So, Judge, verbatim everything I say in my amended motion to dismiss has been echoed in this ruling. So at this 12 point I would ask you to dismiss the case because the Illinois 13 eavesdropping law is unconstitutional on its face on the First and 14 14th Amendment and as applied to the Defendant trampled on her 15 freedom of the press, speech, petition and due process right. 16 THE COURT: Thank you, Miss Melongo. Mr. Podlasek, you may 17 18 respond. MR. PODLASEK: Just briefly, Judge. The court in this case 19 was very specific and they limited the question raised and the 20 question as the court stated, "The question is here whether the 21 First Amendment prevents Illinois prosecutors from enforcing the 22 eavesdropping statute against people who openly record police 23 officers performing their official duties in public." And it goes 24

- on to state that, "Openly making audiovisual recordings of police
- 2 officers performing their duties in public places and speaking at
- a volume audible to bystanders." That's the first issue that
- 4 needs to be looked at, Judge. That's what the court addressed in
- 5 this ruling.
- They did not address privacy issues. What you have here
- 7 is the ACLU has three points that -- that were addressed by the
- 8 court. They were openly recording police officers performing
- 9 their public duties in a public place where third parties were
- 10 present, in this case the general public whether they were walking
- 11 by incidentally or standing around listening. They were speaking
- loud enough for others in the public way to hear.
- In Miss Melongo's case, she surreptitiously recorded a
- 14 private conversation, a conversation that but for that recording
- would not have been audible to anybody else besides the speaker
- 16 and the listener. That was a telephone conversation, three of
- 17 them. That's what this case is about.
- 18 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Podlasek, though if the statute is
- 19 unconstitutional in part, how do -- how do you say a court of law
- 20 can hold it constitutional as to certain facts but not other
- 21 facts?
- MR. PODLASEK: Well, first of all, Judge, in this case the
- 23 court did not specifically find that the statute was
- 24 unconstitutional. In this case -- their ruling was that -- I'm

- just going to read specifically what the last paragraph of this
- 2 ruling is.
- 3 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 4 MR. PODLASEK: "For those reasons we conclude that the ACLU
- 5 has a strong likelihood of success on the merits of its First
- 6 Amendment claim. The Illinois eavesdropping statute restricts an
- 7 expressive medium used for the preservation and dissemination of
- 8 information and ideas. On the factual premise of this case, the
- 9 statute," the premise of this case, Judge, not Miss Melongo's
- 10 case, "the statute does not serve the important governmental
- interest of protecting conversational privacy. Applying the
- 12 statute in the circumstances alleged here, " again this case, "is
- likely unconstitutional," but they never at any point state that
- 14 this statute is unconstitutional.
- 15 THE COURT: No. They say --
- 16 MR. PODLASEK: Here --
- 17 THE COURT: Hold on. They say it's likely unconstitutional.
- 18 MR. PODLASEK: Likely but --
- 19 THE COURT: So that's a Federal District Appeals Court telling
- 20 essentially me that this statute is likely unconstitutional.
- MR. PODLASEK: No. A very narrow portion of the statute,
- Judge, not the entire statute if that's the case. The Court went
- 23 on to say in their ruling what they -- they did. They --
- 24 "Accordingly we reverse and remand with the following

- 1 instructions: The District Court shall reopen the case and allow
- 2 the amended complaint, enter a preliminary injunction enjoining
- 3 the State's Attorney from applying the Illinois eavesdropping
- 4 statute against the ACLU and its employees or agents who openly
- 5 audio record the audible communications of law enforcement
- 6 officers or others whose communications are incidentally captured
- 7 when the officers are engaged in their official public duties in
- 8 public places and conduct such further proceedings as are
- 9 consistent with this opinion."
- They're not stating that everybody now has the right to
- 11 go ahead and start recording private conversations and then
- 12 publishing them.
- 13 THE COURT: Which gets back to my first question. If the
- 14 statute is unconstitutional in part, how could it be enforced?
- 15 Does it sense facts specific?
- 16 MR. PODLASEK: In this case, Judge --
- 17 THE COURT: Does the judge have to then decide what facts --
- 18 MR. PODLASEK: That's exactly --
- 19 THE COURT: -- there are before --
- MR. PODLASEK: That's exactly what this Court has to do.
- 21 THE COURT: -- hearing whether or not the statute is
- 22 unconstitutional or not?
- 23 MR. PODLASEK: In point of fact the court I think addresses
- 24 that issue, Judge.

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         THE COURT: First of all, let me just say the last paragraph
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     you read from is the remedy the court gave --
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         MR. PODLASEK: That's correct.
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         THE COURT: -- because they found the statute is likely
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     unconstitutional so the remedy they gave is specifically against
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     the statute as its written right now.
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         MR. PODLASEK: It's specific --
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         THE COURT: So that shows that their remedy is modifying the
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     statute and disregarding the statute and they issued and granted
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     that injunction and said the State could not enforce that section
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     of the statute.
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         MR. PODLASEK: That section of the statute which applies to
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     police officers, Judge. That's not the section of the statute
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     that we're dealing with in this case. The court specifically
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     says --
         DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge, may I?
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         THE COURT: Not yet. Go ahead.
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         MR. PODLASEK:
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     and the eavesdropping laws of most other states the gravamen of
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     the Illinois eavesdropping offense in this case is not the secret
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      interception or surreptitious recording of private communication."
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That's -- that's not what they're addressing in this case.

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- 1 They're addressing the public recording of police officers, public
- 2 employees who are doing their duty publicly in a public place
- 3 where others can see them and hear them. That's not what we have
- 4 factually in this case.
- 5 The court did not find the statute unconstitutional.
- 6 They didn't overturn the statute. The statute still exists. And
- 7 the only thing that they've done, the only remedy they gave the
- 8 ACLU was for that specific limited section of the statute which
- 9 goes strictly to not recording audio -- audio -- audible
- 10 recordings of police officers. That's what they did. In this
- 11 case, they were very, very careful to structure this in a very
- 12 limited way.
- We don't believe that this case applies to Miss
- Melongo's case and her case should go forward and the next step
- 15 should be a trial in this case, a retrial.
- 16 THE COURT: All right. Miss Melongo. Go ahead.
- DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge, I think Mr. Podlasek is living like
- 18 in his own world, you know, because everything -- first, the
- 19 Defendant conversation with Mrs. Taylor was not a private
- 20 conversation. It was about the transcript being forged by Mrs.
- 21 Laudien who is a Court Reporter, so there was nothing private in
- 22 that conversation. The conversation was not about Mrs. Taylor
- 23 husband. It was not about her family. It was not about something
- 24 she does outside of her professional occupation. So it was a

- 1 public conversation discussing about a public matter and Mrs.
- 2 Taylor was speaking at a volume audible to any unassisted ear. It
- 3 was on the phone and she was in her office and she was speaking
- 4 loudly. So there was not a private conversation.
- And the second issue is actually -- believe me, Judge, I
- 6 was actually surprised by this ruling myself because what the --
- 7 the Seventh Circuit Court of the state did it went beyond of
- 8 the -- the issue that ACLU asked them to address. ACLU come and
- 9 ask can we speak -- ACLU come with the issue of the willing
- 10 speaker. ACLU come with the issue of police officer but the
- 11 Seventh Circuit Federal Court of Appeal actually went beyond that.
- 12 It didn't even address the issue of a willing speaker. It went on
- 13 and addressed the -- the defect of the statute itself because it
- 14 say the statute -- what is wrong about the statute is that it
- target a communication device regardless of whether the person
- being recorded is a police officer or Pamela Taylor or anybody.
- 17 The -- the -- the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeal restricted its
- 18 judgment on the communication device itself.
- Actually it went to the core of the matter. So it
- really doesn't matter in this case who is being recorded as long
- 21 as the conversation is not private. So Mr. Podlasek bringing the
- 22 issue of police officer or whoever, it was not about that. It was
- 23 the substance of the law. The law should not target a
- 24 communication technology -- technology device. Thank you, Judge.

THE COURT: Okay. On Page 47 of the United States District 1 Court of Appeals opinion, it does say, and I quote, "Of course, 2 the First Amendment does not prevent the Illinois General Assembly 3 from enacting greater protection for conversational privacy than 4 the common law tort remedy provides nor is the legislature limited 5 to using the Fourth Amendment reasonable expectation of privacy 6 doctrine as a benchmark, but by legislating this broadly by making 7 it a crime to audio record any conversation, even those that are 8 not in fact private, the State has severed the link between the 9 eavesdropping statute's means and its end. Rather than attempting 10 to tailor the statutory prohibition to the important goal of 11 protecting personal privacy Illinois has banned nearly all audio 12 recording without consent of the parties including audio recording 13 that implicates no privacy interests at all." 14 The Court is relying on that language as well as the 15 Court does not believe that it can be severed out. This case 16 obviously -- the appeals case from the Federal District Court 17 obviously dealt with recording police officers and not 18 specifically to the facts of this case; however, I do not believe 19 that the statute can be severed out like that. 20 And additionally this Court is adopting Judge Sacks' 21 opinion in the People of the State of Illinois versus Christopher 22 Drew. Obviously not the facts 'cause the facts are different, but 23 I'm adopting Judge Stacks -- Judge Sacks', S A C K S, opinion in 24

- 1 10 CR 00046 in People of the State of Illinois versus Christopher
- 2 Drew.
- And thus Miss Melongo's motion to declare the statute --
- 4 eavesdropping statute unconstitutional is granted.
- 5 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Thank you, Judge.
- 6 MR. PODLASEK: We're asking for a 30 day appeal date.
- 7 THE COURT: Where are we with discovery on the other case
- 8 'cause we're going to now move this case to the forefront and get
- 9 the computer tampering case to trial.
- MR. PODLASEK: Judge, we're not going to be ready to go to
- 11 trial until sometime in November or October. I have four major
- 12 trials that go right into September.
- 13 THE COURT: No. This case is going to have to qo.
- MR. PODLASEK: Judge, there's no way I can get it ready.
- DEFENDANT MELONGO: Well, Judge, actually the case has a
- 16 pending motion to dismiss so Mr. Podlasek has to respond to that
- 17 motion to dismiss.
- 18 THE COURT: All right. Do you have a motion to dismiss on
- 19 that case?
- DEFENDANT MELONGO: Yes. He has a pending motion to dismiss.
- 21 (Pause in proceedings)
- DEFENDANT MELONGO: So I think Mr. Albukerk sent you the copy
- 23 of the motion. I'm not going to rewrite the motion so you can
- 24 just answer that motion and then we argue it.

- 1 MR. PODLASEK: How about July 19th, Judge? We will not be
- 2 answering that motion at that time. We're asking for that date to
- 3 determine whether or not we're taking this up on appeal.
- 4 THE COURT: Oh, I understand. I fully expect obviously the
- 5 State's Attorney's office would appeal this matter.
- 6 MR. PODLASEK: July --
- 7 THE COURT: But that's not going to delay the other case.
- 8 We're still going --
- 9 MR. PODLASEK: I understand that, Judge.
- THE COURT: We're still going to move with very -- speed to
- 11 get this done 'cause this is on the old case call. How many of
- 12 your other cases are on the old case call?
- MR. PODLASEK: Roberto Rivera, July 9th.
- 14 THE COURT: That's a bench trial.
- 15 MR. PODLASEK: 35 witnesses. I have a second trial that month
- 16 before Judge Joyce, People versus Rafino. Carl Ogelsby is being
- 17 set before Judge Linn in the middle of August and I have a Lake
- 18 County case that's going ahead on the 13th in August.
- 19 THE COURT: I know, Mr. Podlasek, these cases can be somewhat
- 20 complicated.
- MR. PODLASEK: Well, Judge, it's more than that.
- THE COURT: We still need to move this along.
- MR. PODLASEK: It's a matter of gathering all the witnesses
- 24 for this case too.

- 1 THE COURT: All right. Well, start now and we're going to set
- 2 this obviously for Miss Melongo's motion to dismiss and we'll
- 3 hear -- we'll hear that on July 19th. So it's going to be set
- 4 with for motion.
- 5 DEFENDANT MELONGO: He hasn't answered the motion yet.
- 6 THE COURT: I thought you said you had a motion on file.
- 7 DEFENDANT MELONGO: The motion has been filed by the
- 8 Defendant. Mr. Albukerk filed the motion so I don't want to
- 9 rewrite the motion so if he can just answer to the motion and then
- 10 we argue it.
- 11 THE COURT: Right. We're going to set it for argument. You
- 12 filed it already or Mr. Albukerk filed it so we're setting it for
- 13 July 19th for argument.
- 14 DEFENDANT MELONGO: For argument?
- MR. PODLASEK: For my response? I haven't responded.
- DEFENDANT MELONGO: He hasn't responded.
- 17 THE COURT: We can hear it.
- 18 MR. PODLASEK: Pardon me?
- 19 THE COURT: It's not that complicated. What's your motion?
- DEFENDANT MELONGO: No, Judge. He has to respond to it so
- 21 that I know how to make the argument. I'm not going to argue out
- 22 of the blue.
- 23 THE COURT: All right. Both sides seem to want to -- to delay
- this so we'll set it for State's response 'til July 19th.

- 1 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay.
- 2 MR. PODLASEK: By agreement?
- 3 THE COURT: By agreement. There's a motion on file.
- 4 DEFENDANT MELONGO: And, Judge, what about my I bond? I want
- 5 my I bond reinstated because I was put on -- sent to jail and now
- 6 put on E.M. because I violated a condition of my I bond by
- 7 catching a new case but now that the case has been dismissed I
- 8 want the condition of my I bond reinstated.
- 9 THE COURT: Mr. Podlasek.
- MR. PODLASEK: State, would object to that, your Honor.
- 11 DEFENDANT MELONGO: On what basis?
- 12 THE COURT: Well, you're not to address Mr. Podlasek, but
- she's obviously asking me what basis. Do you wish to address that
- on July 19th as well?
- 15 MR. PODLASEK: I'll address it then, Judge.
- 16 THE COURT: All right. If you have any response to that
- 17 motion, file that on July 19th. Miss Melongo, we'll address all
- 18 those matters on July 19th.
- 19 DEFENDANT MELONGO: So I still have to stay on E.M.? So,
- Judge, it really doesn't make sense.
- 21 THE COURT: Well, she is on E.M. All right. I've just
- 22 declared the statute unconstitutional, in effect dismissing it.
- 23 State obviously has a right to appeal that. They're going to make
- 24 that decision. I fully expect them to appeal it. Even if they

- 1 did appeal it, at this point I still could require you to remain
- 2 on E.M. during that period of time and that's what the State is
- 3 objecting to. So they're asking that you stay on E.M. while
- 4 that's pending. I don't see that there's a reason to do that.
- 5 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Yes.
- 6 THE COURT: Mr. Podlasek, I'm going to let you make your
- 7 argument now as to whether or not Miss Melongo --
- 8 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Yes.
- 9 THE COURT: -- should stay on E.M.
- MR. PODLASEK: Judge, we're just going to make a general
- 11 objection.
- 12 THE COURT: Just a general objection? All right. I'm going
- 13 to strike E.M. I bond will be reinstated.
- 14 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Thank you, Judge.
- THE COURT: And Miss Melongo will be off E.M.
- 16 MR. PODLASEK: Thank you.
- 17 THE COURT: Thank you.
- 18 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge, you don't have a ruling? You
- 19 should give us a ruling that I can read about your ruling.
- THE COURT: No. I did not issue a written ruling. Mine is
- 21 oral only.
- As I stated, I'm also adopting as it applies to the law
- 23 Christopher Drew and I'm basing it on the United States Appellate
- 24 District's opinion. So that's my ruling.

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DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay.
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         DEFENDANT MELONGO: Thank you, Judge. Should I have to call
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         THE COURT: Stuart, you have to prepare something for Miss
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         THE CLERK: Yes, I will do that.
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                     Thank you.
         DEFENDANT MELONGO: Thank you.
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EXHIBIT F

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY DEPARTM	FOR COOK COUNTY, ILLE OF ERED ENTERED ENTERED SENTERED SOEBEL 1954 ENT, CRIMINAL DIVISION
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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, Plaintiff	DOWN IMY BROWN CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, IL DEPUTY CLERK
v.)) 10 CR 8092
ANNABEL K. MELONGO, Defendant.) Honorable Steven J. Goebel) Judge Presiding)

ORDER

On June 19, 2012, this court granted defendant, Annabel K. Melongo's, motion to declare the Illinois Eavesdropping Statute (720 ILCS 5/14-2) unconstitutional. Defendant has now filed an emergency motion requesting that this court amend its June 19, 2012 order declaring the Illinois Eavesdropping Statute unconstitutional in order to comply with Supreme Court Rule 18.

BACKGROUND

Defendant was charged with six counts of eavesdropping in violation of 720 ILCS 5/14-2(a)(1)(a)(3) (West 2008). Count I alleged that defendant "knowingly and intentionally used an eavesdropping device...for the purpose of recording a conversation...between [defendant] and Pamela Taylor...and without the consent of all parties such conversation." Counts II and III alleged the same acts against the same victim on two other occasions. Counts IV, V and VI alleged that defendant "used or divulged any information which she knew or reasonably should have known was obtained through the use of an eavesdropping device...an audio recording of a conversation between [defendant] and Pamela Taylor...knowing that such a recording was obtained without Pamela Taylor's consent."

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On December 13, 2010, Judge Brosnahan denied defendant's motion to declare the Illinois Eavesdropping Statute to be unconstitutional based on *People v. Bearsley*, 115 Ill. 2d 47 (1986).

On November 14, 2011, defendant filed an amended motion to declare the Illinois Eavesdropping Statute unconstitutional, arguing that the Statute is unconstitutional on its face and as applied to defendant and violates substantive free speech, freedom of the press, petition and due process guarantees.

On February 14, 2012, the State filed a response in opposition to defendant's motion to declare 720 ILCS 5/14 unconstitutional, arguing that the Eavesdropping Statute: (1) does not violate the first amendment; (2) does not violate due process; and (3) is constitutional as applied to defendant.

On June 19, 2012, this court granted defendant's motion to declare the Illinois Eavesdropping Statute (720 ILCS 5/14-2) unconstitutional.

On June 22, 2012, defendant filed an emergency motion requesting that this court amend its June 19, 2012 order declaring the Illinois Eavesdropping Statute unconstitutional in order to comply with Supreme Court Rule 18.

ANALYSIS

All statutes are presumed to be constitutional, and the burden of rebutting that presumption is on the challenger, who must clearly establish a constitutional violation. *People v. Greco*, 204 Ill. 2d 400 (2003).

The Illinois Eavesdropping Statue (the "Statute") provides:

"A person commits eavesdropping when he:

- (1) Knowingly and intentionally uses an eavesdropping device for the purpose of hearing and recording all or any part of any conversation or intercepts, retains, or transcribes electronic communication unless he does so (A) with the consent of all of the parties to such conversation or electronic communication ***
- (2) Uses or divulges *** any information which he knows or reasonably should know was obtained through the use of an eavesdropping device."

 720 ILCS 5/14 et seq.

The Statute allows citizens to make silent video of police officers performing their duties in public. 720 ILCS 5/14 et seq. However, the Statute elevates this conduct to a class 1 felony when a person audio records all or any part of any conversation unless all parties to the conversation give their consent. 720 ILCS 5/14 et seq. The Statute applies to all oral communication regardless of whether the communication was intended to be private. 720 ILCS 5/14 et seq. A party's consent may be inferred from the surrounding circumstances indicating that the party knowingly agreed to the surveillance, but express disapproval defeats any inference of consent. 720 ILCS 5/14 et seq.

In the instant case, defendant argues that the Statute is unconstitutional on its face because it violates her First Amendment and due process rights. Defendant also argues that the Statute is unconstitutional as applied to her because Ms. Pamela Taylor was a willing speaker during the conversation and defendant had the right to receive the information and record its protected content if she so wished.

The State asks this court to interpret the court's ruling in ACLU as a limited ruling. Specifically, the State contends that the ACLU court only addressed the section of the Statute that

applies to audio recordings of police officers in a public place where others can see and hear them. The State argues that the facts in the instant case are distinguishable from those in *ACLU* and that the case should therefore move forward and go to trial.

As noted above, this court issued an oral opinion granting defendant's motion to declare the Illinois Eavesdropping Statute (720 ILCS 5/14-2) unconstitutional on June 19, 2012. In making this decision, this court relied on a recent decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit where the court held that the Statue was likely unconstitutional based on First Amendment considerations and the issues presented in that case. The court subsequently issued a preliminary injunction enjoining the State's Attorney from applying the Statute against the ACLU and its employees or agents. *ACLU v. Alvarez*, 679 F.3d 583, 608 (7th Cir. 2012).

In *ACLU*, the court noted that the Statute is not closely tailored to the government's interest in protecting conversational privacy. Rather, "the gravamen of the Illinois eavesdropping offense is not the secret interception or surreptitious recording of a private communication. Instead, the statute sweeps much more broadly, banning *all* audio recording of *any* oral communication absent consent of the parties regardless of whether the communication is or was intended to be private." *Id.* at 595. The court went on to note that:

"Of course, the First Amendment does not prevent the Illinois General Assembly from enacting greater protection for conversational privacy than the common-law tort remedy provides. Nor is the legislature limited to using the Fourth Amendment "reasonable expectation of privacy" doctrine as a benchmark. But by legislating this broadly – by making it a crime to audio record *any* conversation, even those that are *not* in fact private – the State has severed the link between the eavesdropping statute's means and its end. Rather than attempting to tailor the

statutory prohibition to the important goal of protecting personal privacy, Illinois has banned nearly all audio recording without consent of the parties – including audio recording that implicates *no* privacy interests at all."

ACLU, 679 F. 3d at 606. Although the ACLU court did not find make a specific finding that the Statute was unconstitutional, the court concluded that the ACLU has a "strong likelihood of success on the merits of its First Amendment claims." *Id.* at 608.

Additionally, this court relied on Associate Judge Stanley Sacks' recent opinion in *People v. of the State of Illinois v. Christopher Drew*, case number 10 CR 00046 (March 2, 2012) where the court ruled that the Illinois Eavesdropping Statute was unconstitutional on its face and as applied to the defendant. *Drew*, at p. 12. In *Drew*, the court stated that, although the Statute clearly sets forth the prohibited physical acts, the fault of the Statute is that it does not require an accompanying culpable mental state or criminal purpose for a person to be convicted of a felony. *Drew*, at p. 11.

Here, this court also finds that the Statute appears to be vague, restrictive and makes innocent conduct subject to prosecution. At this stage, this court will not conduct any fact-finding nor will this court filter the Statute and deem certain sections to be constitutional and others to be unconstitutional.

Therefore, based on the foregoing discussion, this court finds that the Illinois Eavesdropping Statute is unconstitutional on its face and as applied to defendant pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 18. This court holds that the Illinois Eavesdropping Statute lacks a culpable mental state, subjects wholly innocent conduct to prosecution, and violates substantive due process under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution (U.S. Const. Amend. XIV) and Article I, Section 2 of the Illinois Constitution (Ill. Const. 1970, Art. I, Sec. 2).

This court further finds that the statute cannot be constructed in a manner that would preserve its validity, and judgment cannot rest upon an alternative ground. Notice under Illinois Supreme Court Rule 19 has been given.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing discussion, this court grants defendant's motion to declare the Illinois Eavesdropping Statute (720 ILCS 5/14-2) unconstitutional.

ENTERED:

Hon. Steven J. Goebel

Circuit Court of Cook County

Criminal Division

DATED: 7-26-12

EXHIBIT G

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IN THE CIRCUIT COUR	TOF COOK COUNTY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS)
Plaintiff-Appellant,) Case No. 10CR-8092
)
VS.)
) Honorable
ANNABEL MELONGO,) Steven J. Goebel,
Defendant-Appellee.) Trial Judge
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NOTICE OF NOTICE OF APPEAL

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> ROBERT PODLASEK Assistant State's Attorney

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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

Plaintiff-Appellant,

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Honorable

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

An appeal is taken from the order or judgment described below:

- 1. Court to which appeal is taken: **Supreme Court of Illinois**
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4. Date of Judgment of Order: July 26, 2012

5. Appeal is taken from: Trial court's ruling that the Illinois Eavesdropping Statute, 720

ILCS 5/14, is unconstitutional.

ROBERT PODLASEK Assistant State's Attorney

Notice filed date: 8-9-12Appeal check date: 9-29-12

EXHIBIT H

Illinois Official Reports

Supreme Court

People v. Melongo, 2014 IL 114852

Caption in Supreme

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, Appellant, v.

Court:

ANNABEL MELONGO, Appellee.

Docket No. 114852

Filed March 20, 2014

Held

(Note: This syllabus constitutes no part of the opinion of the court but has been prepared by the Reporter of Decisions for the convenience of the reader.)

A defendant could not be criminally prosecuted for divulging the contents of conversations she recorded in violation of the eavesdropping statute where that statutory prohibition itself, in its overbreadth, was unconstitutional, in violation of the first amendment.

Decision Under

Review

Appeal from the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Hon. Steven J. Goebel, Judge, presiding.

Judgment Circuit court judgment affirmed.

Counsel on

Appeal

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Justices

CHIEF JUSTICE GARMAN delivered the judgment of the court, with opinion.

Justices Freeman, Thomas, Kilbride, Karmeier, Burke, and Theis concurred in the judgment and opinion.

OPINION

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Defendant Annabel Melongo was charged with violations of section 14-2 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (720 ILCS 5/14-2 (West 2008)), which defines the offense of eavesdropping. The circuit court of Cook County found the statute unconstitutional. Thus, appeal lies directly to this court. Ill. S. Ct. R. 302 (eff. Oct. 4, 2011).

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We allowed the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois to file a brief *amicus curiae* pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 345. Ill. S. Ct. R. 345 (eff. Sept. 20, 2010).

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For the following reasons, we affirm the judgment of the circuit court.

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BACKGROUND

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Defendant was charged with computer tampering in an unrelated case. The arraignment was set for June 18, 2008. The docket sheet, the judge's half sheet, and the court call sheet for that date indicate that defendant was not in court and that the arraignment did not take place.

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Defendant later obtained an official court transcript of the June 18, 2008, proceeding, which stated that she was present and was arraigned on that date. Her efforts to have the court reporter change the transcript were unsuccessful. The court reporter referred defendant to her supervisor, Pamela Taylor, the Assistant Administrator of the Cook County Court Reporter's Office, Criminal Division. In their first telephone conversation, Taylor explained to defendant that any dispute over the accuracy of a transcript should be presented to the judge for resolution.

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Defendant surreptitiously recorded three subsequent telephone conversations with Taylor and posted the recordings and transcripts of the conversations on her website. She was charged with three counts of eavesdropping (720 ILCS 5/14-2(a)(1) (West 2008)), and three counts of using or divulging information obtained through the use of an eavesdropping device (720 ILCS 5/14-2(a)(3) (West 2008)).

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In a motion to dismiss, she stipulated that she recorded the conversations and posted them on her website, but claimed her conduct was permitted under an exception to the statute. Specifically, she claimed she was allowed to record a conversation "under reasonable suspicion that another party to the conversation is committing, is about to commit, or has committed a criminal offense against the person *** and there is reason to believe that evidence of the criminal offense may be obtained by the recording." 720 ILCS 5/14-3(i) (West 2008).

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The State argued that the exception did not apply in this case because the court reporter whom defendant accused of creating a forged transcript was not a party to the recorded conversations. Thus, the State asserted, defendant should not be allowed to claim that the

exception of section 14-3(i) applied to her recordings of Taylor. The trial court granted the State's motion *in limine* to preclude defendant from raising this defense at trial.

¶ 10 In her motion to reconsider, defendant argued that Taylor was a party to a criminal conspiracy and, thus, the statutory exception should be available to her at trial. The trial court denied her motion to reconsider.

Defendant then filed a motion to dismiss on the basis that the eavesdropping statute is unconstitutional under the due process clauses of both the Illinois and United States Constitutions because there is "no rational relationship between requiring two party consent and a legitimate state interest." Two days later, this motion was argued and denied.

The matter proceeded to trial. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict, and the court declared a mistrial. The matter was assigned to a second judge.

Thereafter, defendant filed a *pro se* motion to declare the statute unconstitutional, raising first amendment and due process claims. The State filed a response arguing that the statute does not violate either the first amendment or due process and that it is constitutional as applied to defendant.

After a hearing on the motion, the court found the statute both facially unconstitutional and unconstitutional as applied to defendant. The court's subsequent written order stated that "the statute appears to be vague, restrictive and makes innocent conduct subject to prosecution." Further, the court observed, the statute "lacks a culpable mental state, subjects wholly innocent conduct to prosecution, and violates substantive due process" under both the United States and Illinois Constitutions. In reaching this decision, the circuit court relied in part on *American Civil Liberties Union v. Alvarez*, 679 F.3d 583 (7th Cir. 2012) (finding that plaintiff had a strong likelihood of success in its first amendment claim that the Illinois eavesdropping statute was unconstitutional as applied to its plan to record police officers performing their duties in public places).

¶ 15 ANALYSIS

¶ 16 Section 14-2 of the Criminal Code provides that:

- "(a) A person commits eavesdropping when he:
- (1) Knowingly and intentionally uses an eavesdropping device for the purpose of hearing or recording all or any part of any conversation or intercepts, retains, or transcribes electronic communication unless he does so (A) with the consent of all of the parties to such conversation or electronic communication or (B) in accordance with Article 108A or Article 108B of the 'Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963', approved August 14, 1963, as amended; or
- (3) Uses or divulges, except as authorized by this Article or by Article 108A or 108B of the 'Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963', approved August 14, 1963, as amended, any information which he knows or reasonably should know was obtained through the use of an eavesdropping device." 720 ILCS 5/14-2 (West 2008).

As appellant, the State argues in its opening brief that the statute does not violate due process on its face because it does contain a culpable mental state requiring both knowledge

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and intent. The State further argues that the statute is not unconstitutional as applied to defendant because she admits having recorded and divulged the contents of the conversations knowingly and intentionally. The State's opening brief does not address defendant's first amendment claim, stating that although the circuit court cited extensively to *Alvarez*, a first amendment case, the court "relied exclusively on the substantive due process clause" in reaching its conclusion.

Defendant frames four issues. She argues that section 14-2(a)(1), the "recording provision," is unconstitutional on both first amendment and due process grounds; similarly, she argues that section 14-2(a)(3), the "publishing provision," also violates the first amendment and due process. In the alternative, she argues that if the statute is not found unconstitutional on its face, it is nevertheless unconstitutional as applied to her recording of a public official who was acting in her official capacity when she engaged in the recorded conversation.

The State responds to the first amendment arguments in its reply brief, arguing that the statute is a content-neutral restriction on the time, place, and manner of the exercise of first amendment rights and that it is narrowly tailored. However, the State reiterates its position that no first amendment issue is at stake.

The constitutionality of a statute is a question of law that we review *de novo*. *People v. Madrigal*, 241 Ill. 2d 463, 466 (2011). We presume that a statute is constitutional and, thus, the party challenging its constitutionality bears a burden of clearly establishing that the statute violates the constitution. *People v. Kitch*, 239 Ill. 2d 452, 466 (2011). In addition, if it is reasonably possible to construe the challenged statute in a manner that preserves its constitutionality, we have a duty to do so. *People v. Hollins*, 2012 IL 112754, ¶ 13.

As an initial matter, we reject the State's suggestion that the trial court's ruling in the present case was based entirely on due process. The defendant's motion raised a first amendment challenge. The trial court gave careful consideration and significant weight to the Seventh Circuit's opinion in *Alvarez*, a first amendment case. Finally, in its written order, the trial court specifically described the statute as "vague" and noted that it subjects innocent conduct to prosecution; in effect, the court found the statute to be overbroad. While vagueness and overbreadth may be considered in a due process challenge, they are also properly applied in the first amendment context. See, e.g., People v. Sharpe, 216 Ill. 2d 481, 527 (2005) (if first amendment rights are not at stake in a vagueness challenge, "due process is satisfied if: (1) the statute's prohibitions are sufficiently definite, when measured by common understanding and practices, to give a person of ordinary intelligence fair warning as to what conduct is prohibited, and (2) the statute provides sufficiently definite standards for law enforcement officers and triers of fact that its application does not depend merely on their private conceptions" (internal quotation marks omitted)); City of Chicago v. Pooh Bah Enterprises, Inc., 224 Ill. 2d 390, 442 (2006) ("[W]hen a law threatens to inhibit the exercise of constitutionally protected rights such as those protected under the first amendment, the Constitution demands that a more stringent vagueness test be applied. In such a scenario, a statute is void for vagueness if it reaches a substantial amount of constitutionally protected conduct.").

Although the trial court did not specifically invoke the first amendment, it stated that it was relying on the Seventh Circuit's analysis in *Alvarez*. In addition, the court's findings of

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vagueness and overbreadth are consistent with both first amendment and due process grounds. We find that the first amendment issue is sufficiently implicated by the circuit court's ruling to permit consideration of defendant's first amendment argument here.

The State also argues that defendant should be barred from raising a constitutional challenge to the statute because her constitutional claims are inconsistent with her defense at trial. At trial, she admitted that she made the recordings but argued she was permitted to do so by the statutory exception permitting an individual to record a conversation "under reasonable suspicion that another party to the conversation is committing, is about to commit, or has committed a criminal offense against the person *** and there is reason to believe that evidence of the criminal offense may be obtained by the recording." 720 ILCS 5/14-3(i) (West 2008). The State asserts that because defendant admits that she made the recordings and that she was aware at the time that her conduct was a crime if not justified by the statutory exception, she cannot now claim that the statute is vague or overbroad.

Defendant raised a due process challenge before the mistrial, and she raised both due process and first amendment challenges after the mistrial. The State does not explain why a criminal defendant may not argue in the alternative that the statute under which she was charged is unconstitutional and, failing that, that an exception to the statute excused her conduct. In any event:

"Overbreadth is a judicially created doctrine which recognizes an exception to the established principle that a person to whom a statute may constitutionally be applied will not be heard to challenge that statute on the ground that it may conceivably be applied unconstitutionally to others, in other situations not before the court. Under the doctrine, a party being prosecuted for speech or expressive conduct may challenge the law on its face if it reaches protected expression, even when that person's own activities are not protected by the first amendment. The reason for this special rule in first amendment cases is apparent: an overbroad statute might serve to chill protected speech. A person contemplating protected activity might be deterred by the fear of prosecution. The doctrine reflects the conclusion that the possible harm to society in permitting some unprotected speech to go unpunished is outweighed by the possibility that protected speech of others may be muted." *Pooh Bah*, 224 Ill. 2d at 435-36.

Thus, we find it appropriate to reach the merits of defendant's first amendment claim.

On the same day that oral arguments were heard in the present case, the court heard arguments in the case of *People v. Clark*, 2014 IL 115776. Although the cases were not consolidated, they involved similar issues, including a first amendment challenge to section 14-2(a)(1) of the eavesdropping statute, which defendant describes as the "recording provision." Our analysis in the present case is guided by our holding in *Clark*.

Defendant suggests that the statute is subject to intermediate scrutiny; the State does not specifically address the constitutional standard, but does assert that the statute is content-neutral, which invites intermediate scrutiny. *Holder v. Humanitarian Law Project*, 561 U.S. 1, ____, 130 S. Ct. 2705, 2723 (2010). A content-neutral regulation will be sustained under the first amendment if it advances important governmental interests unrelated to the suppression of free speech and does not substantially burden more speech than necessary to further those interests. *Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. v. Federal Communications Comm'n*, 520 U.S. 180, 189 (1997); *United States v. O'Brien*, 391 U.S. 367, 376-77 (1968).

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The State and defendant agree that the purpose of the eavesdropping statute is to protect conversational privacy. However, the statute as now written deems all conversations to be private and, thus, not subject to recording absent consent, even if the participants have no expectation of privacy. The State argues that the choice between a law that might be over-inclusive and one that might be under-inclusive is a policy matter for the legislature, not the courts.

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When that policy criminalizes a wide range of innocent conduct, however, it cannot be sustained. The statute criminalizes the recording of conversations that cannot be deemed private: a loud argument on the street, a political debate on a college quad, yelling fans at an athletic event, or any conversation loud enough that the speakers should expect to be heard by others. None of these examples implicate privacy interests, yet the statute makes it a felony to audio record each one. Judged in terms of the legislative purpose of protecting conversational privacy, the statute's scope is simply too broad. *Clark*, 2014 IL 115776, ¶¶ 22-23.

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Further, even when the recorded conversation is held in private, the statute does not distinguish between open and surreptitious recording. The statute prohibits any recording of a conversation absent the consent of all parties. Thus, rather than knowing that he or she can proceed legally by openly recording a conversation so that all parties are aware of the presence of an operating recording device, the individual must risk being charged with a violation of the statute and hope that the trier of fact will find implied consent. See *People v. Ceja*, 204 III. 2d 332, 349-50 (2003) (holding that consent under the eavesdropping statute may be express or implied; implied consent is consent in fact, inferred from the surrounding circumstances that indicate the individual knowingly agreed to the recording). *Clark*, 2014 IL 115776, ¶ 22.

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We conclude as we did in *Clark*, 2014 IL 115776, that the recording provision of the eavesdropping statute (720 ILCS 5/14-2(a)(1) (West 2008)), burdens substantially more speech than is necessary to serve a legitimate state interest in protecting conversational privacy. Thus, it does not survive intermediate scrutiny. We hold that the recording provision is unconstitutional on its face because a substantial number of its applications violate the first amendment. See *United States v. Stevens*, 559 U.S. 460, 473 (2010) (a statute may be invalidated as overbroad if a substantial number of its applications are unconstitutional when judged in relation to the statute's legitimate sweep).

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Defendant raises an additional claim that is not present in *Clark*. She argues that what she describes as the "publishing provision" of the statute (720 ILCS 5/14-2(a)(3) (West 2008)), is also unconstitutional. The plain language of this provision criminalizes the publication of any recording made on a cellphone or other such device, regardless of consent. This alone would seem to be sufficient to invalidate the provision.

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The State defends the provision in its brief by noting that Illinois Pattern Jury Instructions on this offense "read in" a requirement that the recording being divulged have been obtained in violation of the recording provision of section 14-2(a)(1). See Illinois Pattern Jury Instructions, Criminal, 12.03X (4th ed. 2000). Further, the State argues that defendant is not prohibited from making public the content of the conversation she recorded, she is merely prohibited from "preserving the speech of the other person in the precise manner that she would prefer," *i.e.*, a recording.

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At oral argument, however, the State conceded that if the recording provision is found unconstitutional, the publishing provision must also fail, in light of the Supreme Court's

decision in *Bartnicki v. Vopper*, 532 U.S. 514 (2001). In *Bartnicki*, the Court considered the constitutionality of state and federal statutes prohibiting the intentional disclosure of illegally intercepted communications that the disclosing party knew or should have known were illegally obtained. The Court observed that the "naked prohibition against disclosures" in the challenged statutes was "fairly characterized as a regulation of pure speech" by an innocent party. *Id.* at 526. The Court held that under the first amendment, the state may not bar the disclosure of information regarding a matter of public importance when the information was illegally intercepted by another party who provided it to the disclosing party. *Id.* at 535.

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Because we have held that the statutory provision criminalizing defendant's recording of the three conversations is unconstitutional on its face, she is in the position of an innocent party who is subject to a "naked prohibition against disclosure." It matters not whether the contents of the recorded conversations were a matter of public interest because, unlike in *Bartnicki*, the recordings cannot be characterized as illegally obtained.

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We hold that defendant cannot be constitutionally prosecuted for divulging the contents of the conversations she recorded, just as the media defendants in *Bartnicki* could not be prosecuted for disclosing recorded communications. We, therefore, find the publishing provision to be overbroad as well.

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, we affirm the judgment of the circuit court.

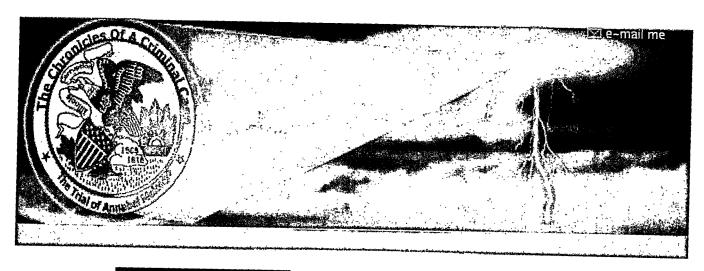
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After the case was dismissed in Rolling Meadows, Annabel was indicted January 17th, 2007 in Chicago with two counts of computer tampering. The court transcript is available here. The first day in court, the state offered her a deal through her public defender. She turned the deal down. When she refused to take the deal. her public defender became disinterested and the case stalled. She decided to hire a private lawyer. In April 2008, this new lawyer told the judge. then Judge Scheier, that the second count of the indictment didn't warrant a felony under Illinois' law. Judge Schreier agreed and asked the state to reindict. Thus the second indictment in May, 2008 and its transcript. Strangely though, instead

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of correcting the indictment's count to reflect a felony, the state used the opportunity to revise all the statements, false and inconsistent, that were made in the first indictment. It added another count which was never part of the complaint and the very charge that caused the new indictment, well, it was kept INTACT. It seemed as though, the state used the reindictment to correct its mistakes, seeing that Annabel now had a lawyer who could pose a challenge. The challenge came in the form of a motion for additional discovery. The state instead of responding to the motion, asked for yet another deal, which again was turned down. Then something strange happened. Annabel's lawyer lost his motivation. He became friendly with the state, to the point he will even joke with the state in front of her. He wouldn't answer phone calls anymore, so in an email, he was told Annabel was moving forward with another lawyer.

The third lawyer was then hired. In her search for another lawyer, she made sure that the next lawyer was young and had some computer knowledge

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which the former lawyer didn't have. She found a young one but it turned out, he was inexperienced and once he got his money, his interest for the case ended. He never filed a single motion, let alone bother to read the case's facts. The whole time was spent arquing. He, arguing that he had more important cases and she, demanding that he spent time on hers. Noticing the lack of interest on the part of this new lawyer, the state demanded another deal. The lawyer urged the defendant to take it, but again, no deal was made. The refusal resulted in another fight and more money was requested from Annabel if she wanted something done toward her defense. Strangely though, it's through this lawyer that Annabel got the idea to represent herself, idea thrown at her in a fight. This lawyer later motioned to be excused from the case and in doing so, he gave the defendant's **ENTIRE** file to the state. The same day, Annabel informed the court of her intent to represent herself. The case was continued to have the matter discussed in the following hearing.

February 5th, 2009: Annabel confirmed her

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intent to represent herself. She asked Judge Lawrence E. Flood for a legal assistant in the form of a public defender. Judge Flood told her either she let a public defender represent her **OR** she represents herself without any legal assistance. Without any hesitation, she decided to go solo. After asking her questions as to her education's level and her knowledge of the law, Judge Flood handed her the file with a sarcastic remark: "You're making a big mistake..." She could hear laughters suppressed by the state and people in the court. Unlike regular people who might have been discouraged and intimidated by the scenery, the remark planted a deep seed of determination in Annabel's heart and she was eager the take the bull that was the Illinois Attorney General by the horns. To do that however, she needed to know the laws as they applied to her case. She registered to legal forums, searched the internet, visited law libraries and attended Judge Feccarota's sessions in Rolling Meadows, Room 109. Strangely though, it didn't take her long in her legal apprenticeship to discover cracks in the state's case. Her confidence went up

and she was ready to go toe-to-toe against the state in a case she knew the facts to be misleading and fabricated. Overnight, she became a lawyer.

In her new capacity, her first move was to contact the newly elected Cook County State Attorney Anita Alvarez March 23rd, 2009. Since Dick Devine was the one who pushed her case to court, Annabel thought Anita Alvarez might have a more favorable position in her case. Anita Alvarez never responded back. Then she decided to meet the Illinois Inspector General, to have it investigate her case. She met with Diana L. Saltoun and Patricia A. McConnell on April 30th, 2009. Some weeks later, the Illinois Inspector General sent her this letter. Dishearted but not discouraged, her next move was to motion the state for evidences supporting the charges. She also moved to dismiss the indictment based on the fact that it was filed outside of the 60 days limit prescribed by Section 109-3.1 of the Illinois Code of Criminal Procedure Of 1963. The state has yet to respond to the motion on the evidence stating the motion to dismiss the indictment had precedence. When the state responded to her

motion to dismiss, Judge Flood, who replaced the incapacited Judge Schreier, asked Annabel whether she wanted to respond or argue her motion. She chose to arque. The judge asked a second time if that's the option she wanted, she answered in the affirmative. The argument's date was set. The day of the argument, she came late and the state continued the case in her absence even though she called the judge's office to inform him of the late coming. The new argument's date was set for October 6th, 2009.

October 6th, 2009: To Annabel's surprise, Judge Flood denied her motion without bothering to hear her argument stating 'he had the right to do so...' no further explanation was ever given. Utterly shocked, Annabel told him she wanted another judge. Judge Flood asked her to come the next morning to do the paperwork. The next morning Annabel came with a motion petitioning the Chief Judge, Paul Biebel, for substitution of BOTH judge and prosecutor given the fact that the Illinois Attorney General represented a conflict of interest in her case; first, for having donated money to SALF and second, for

being in business with the same organization. **Undermining Annabel's** objection, Judge Flood sent her motion to judge Kazmierski, who supposedly was his supervisor. Judge Kazmierski didn't take 3 minutes to review the more than 20-pages motion and to deny it. After that hard-breaking meeting, the same day, Annabel went to the clerk office and filed a 'notification of motion' to see the chief Judge, Paul Biebel. Do you remember Paul Biebel from early on? The judge who presided over the Grand Jury that issued all the subpoenas? and the same judge who was also mentioned in the above video by Carol Spizzirri? and the judge who also discovered a conflict of interest in Anita Alvarez prosecuting Jon Burge?

October 14th, 2009:

When Annabel met the Chief Judge, she asked him to remove Judge Flood from her case based on what was said in the motion. Well, Chief Judge told Annabel that he presided over one of the largest criminal county in the U.S. and he didn't have time to review motions once they have been denied by another judge. Moreover, he knew Judge Kazmierski to be a good one. And what about

the conflict of interest. Annabel insisted with tears in her eyes? The Chief judge, who was so keen in seeing the conflict of interest in Anita Alvarez prosecuting Jon Burge, failed to see that same conflict in Lisa Madigan prosecuting Annabel Melongo. The motion to substitute both judge and prosecutor was again dismissed and the case was sent back to judge Flood, Room 704.

October 28th, 2009:

Against everyone's surprise Annabel filed her second motion to dismiss the indictment. This time based on perjuries made by detective Martin and exculpatory facts that were not mentioned by the state during the indictment. For the first time in this case, the state and the court are caught in Carol Spizzirri's web of lies. This time, Illinois Legal System will **CLEARLY** prove in which camp it is playing. If it decides to dismiss the indictment, then detective Martin is in big trouble and SALF is open for financial investigation. However, if for some strange reasons, the motion is denied, then the Illinois Legal System has tramped on the very laws it represents and public opinion will be the witness. Unlike the first motion, this one presents

a CLEAR evidence that perjuries and non-disclosure of facts have been committed. So let's watch the state's and court's response in the next hearing, November 12th, 2009.

November 12th, 2009:

After 7 months in the loop, the state finally responded to the motion for additional discovery. This would have been a good news for the defense if that response had some substance to it. However, 3 years and 7 months in the case, after an arrest warrant and two indictments, the state still can't provide evidence sustaining the charges. This due to an ONGOING investigation, when everything from the Forensic report, Kyle French email and detective Martin investigative report testified that the investigation was closed in October of 2006. Moreover, for items that don't necesitate an investigation, the state is asking the defense to **EXPLAIN** how the information is going to be used. We're curious to see how the state is going to explain away the perjuries and exculpatory evidence on December 8th, 2009.

December 8th, 2009: Since this case started,

there has never been a better week for the defense.

- First Daniel Ferraro, the director of Investigations at the Illinois Attorney General Office, removed Shahna G. Monge as a Twitter's follower. Unbeknown to him, we had a copy of the <u>original</u> followers.
- At 9.30 AM, Annabel filed a Notice Of Removal at the Federal building located in Dearborn Str., Chicago.
- At around 10.00 AM, Judge Lawrence E. Flood recused himself from the case. The case is sent back to Judge Paul Biebel for judge reassignment. At the same hearing, the state also added another prosecutor in the case, a young lady named Julie Gunnigle. Annabel is now facing THREE prosecutors. What a waste of resources!!!

December 9th, 2009: The assigned judge was John J. Fleming. To Annabel's surprise, the judge's first remark was the fact that she did ask for a substitution of judge (SOJ) before. When she asked the question as to why the

state's response to her motion to dismiss was filed and she a copy not handed to her? Judge Fleming started yelling at her. Using her intuition has a quide, she raised her right to substitute him right away. In Illinois, any defendant has a ONE time right to substitute a newly assigned judge within 10 days, provided the judge in question has not made any major ruling on the case. So the case was sent back to Judge Paul Biebel for re-assignment. After the hearing, Annabel went home and made some Google searches on Judge John J. Fleming. She couldn't believe the reputation surrounding him. She then realized that Judge Flood might have been forced out of the case and the Chief Judge, fearing the perjuries' motion, might have assigned Judge John J. Fleming to do the 'job'. But little did he know that Annabel had a surprise in the form of 'substituing a judge as a right'. When Annabel wanted to substitute Judge Flood, she made a motion to Paul Biebel who denied it. However, when the case wasn't going well for the State and of course for his own survival and those if his allies, Judge Flood was suddenly excused and Judge John J. Fleming assigned the case. By the way, his

choice wasn't random, but a hand-picked one. Undermining the Clerk Office's system in which the assignment of judges is done through an electronic system.

December 10th, 2009:

Armed with her motion to substitute the newly assigned Judge Fleming, Annabel filed a notification of motion and attached her motion to it. Thereafter, she went to Judge Fleming's courtroom. She's told that she had no hearing scheduled that day. She then went to the State Attorney Office to serve the lead prosecutor. Robert Podlasek, her newly filed notification of motion. She learned from him that a new judge has already been assigned and that an arrest warrant was on her. He asked her to follow him to the new judge's courtroom. Utterly shocked, while in the elevator, she asked the prosecutor the statute warranting a change of judge without a written motion from the defendant? The prosecutor sarcastically replied "that's the law". To which Annabel retorqued "that's not the law, that's corruption". Irritated, the prosecutor said to her "if you called me corrupt again, I will go to Judge Biebel". To aggravate him

further she replied "let's go there right now, I really want to meet him". Prosecutor Podlasek shut his mouth only to reopen it before the new judge, Judge Mary M. Brosnahan. The new judge quashed the warrant and forced Prosecutor Podlasek to give Annabel his response to the motion to dismiss. Adding another blow to a prosecution team which has used every trick under the Sun to navigate its way through the Illinois Justice System. It was also revealed that day that Robert Podlasek is actually a financial prosecutor. What an irony!!! A financial prosecutor assigned to a computer tampering case, when his expertise should be used to prosecute Carol J. Spizzirri!!! And what about Mary M. Brosnahan? Nothing alarming about her on the internet. The only thing transpiring is that, she's a good Democrat and donates frequently.

Tired by the events of the day, Annabel took a bus to get to the train station. That's when she was first contacted by a dramatic creature; a creature that might well have existed in the Precambrian Era and who, by some strange natural factors, made it through the Modern Era. But

before introducing you to this living, yet undiscovered and 'rare specimen' known as Ms. Pamela Taylor, a little background would be helpful in understanding why she contacted Annabel:

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 Federal Court,
 Annabel
 gathered all
 the information
 and statutes
 needed to start
 the removal.
- o She learned that a removal ought to be filed 30 days after arraignment or before the start of the trial. Knowing that she has never been arraigned in the superceding indictment, she called her friend and discussed this on the phone. Her friend asked her to go pronto to court and get the certified clerk and docket files and to order the 06/18/09 transcript. The

next day, she went to the courthouse and did exactly that. She got a certified clerk file, a certified docket file and ordered the transcript. The clerk and the docket files confirmed the fact that she was **NEVER** arraigned. o She anxiously

awaited the transcript and surely enough, on December 1st, 2009, she get a call from the court reporter informing her that the transcript was ready to be picked up. The transcript of that voicemail

can also be viewed here.

 December 4th, 2009: Annabel rushed to the courthouse to pick up the transcript; to her surprise, the transcript contained an arraignment she wasn't aware of. At first, she believed, her former attorney

arraigned her without her being present, opinion reflected in her 'Notice Of Removal', but she later realized, the arraignment was made up. The transcript was re-created to reflect an event that **NEVER**

happened. The transcript was not only contradicting the other certified records, but it was in contradiction with itself.

- o December 5th, 2009: Annabel called Ms. Laurel Laudien, the court reporter, and left a message telling her she believed the transcript to be a forgery. She also told Ms. Laudien that she will file a complaint against her and take her to court for having falsified the transcript.
- o December 6th, 2009: Ms.

Laurel Laudien returned the phone call and stated that Annabel was in court that day since she couldn't be arraigned without being present. When Annabel asked about the contradiction with the other court records, she hanged up not before Annabel reaffirmed her intent to file a complaint against her.

o Note: Due to Annabel's accent, all her phone conversations with Ms. Pamela Taylor have corresponding transcripts. We recommend you read the transcript while listening to the conversations. The Illinois Eavesdropping Law provides an exemption at Sec. 14-3(i) which was the basis used by Annabel to tape the conversations. This exemption

is further explained by Jim Ryan, the former Illinois Attorney General, in this document.

o Then came Ms. Pamela Taylor. On December 10th, 2009, while riding the bus, Annabel received a phone call from her. Without letting Annabel speaks, she rehashed Ms. Laudien answers and forced Annabel to believe those facts to be the TRUTH. Annabel hanged up. Some minutes later, Ms. Pamela Taylor called back with precise instructions on how Annabel ought to handle the situation. The transcribed version of her voicemail can be viewed here.

 Having had one of her crucial transcript changed before, this

time, Annabel decided to handle the situation differently. She went to her house, got a voice recorder and called back Ms. Pamela Taylor. Her plan was to play the naive and ignorant immigrant who didn't know about American Laws. In doing this, she played a reverse psychology on Ms. Taylor. She said to herself, if Ms. Taylor give her misleading answers, then Ms. Taylor had something to hide. otherwise, the fault might be on Ms. Laudien. We will NOT tell you our opinions of the conversation, make your own opinions. Here is the conversation and the accompanying transcript. o Smelling blood

in the water, Annabel wanted to get to the SOUL of Ms. Taylor. December 15th, 2009, Ms. Taylor next business day, Annabel called again. Unfortunately, that day either she didn't have time for a lenghty conversation OR she was afraid to be caught off guard. Nevertheless, they exchanged the following words and the phone conversation was postponed for the next day. The transcript of the conversation can be viewed here. o December 16th, 2009: Here's the phone conversation and its transcript. Though we can't comment on the

> conversation, nevertheless, consciously falsifying court

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transcripts is not only a felony but it's the **HIGHEST** TREASON a court official can perform. The FBI actually investigates such situations. The last time it happened in Cook County, it was called Operation Greylord. The biggest story behind these falsified transcripts is that, the very persons that are supposed to uphold the Law, Lisa Madigan and Anita Alvarez. won't hesitate to transgress the same Law to win bogus cases that personally benefit them. A lack of an arraignment is ground to **TERMINATE** Annabel's case. There

are only three persons in the entire world who had a vested interest

transcript. Lisa

in that

Madigan, Anita Alvarez and Annabel Melongo. Since the transcript was changed against Annabel's interest, then the **ONLY** persons who might have ordered such a despicable act, using Ms. Taylor and Laudien as pawns, are Lisa Madigan **OR** Anita Alvarez. There's no word imaginable to describe such an abuse of power and the hypocrisy surrounding it. Because there's no such word, let's just lend a word created by one of our friends and let's call the present situation, a Wowie-Kazowie. o A complaint

A complaint
 will be filed at
 the FBI office
 and subpoenas
 will be issued
 to get the court
 reporter's
 notes and the

audio of the hearing. Next court date is January 12th, 2010.

January 12th, 2010: Annabel filed a motion to withdraw the motion to dismiss and filed an amended motion to dismiss. Pamela Taylor was also present in court in response to this subpoena. As it should have been expected, the response to the subpoena is not what was asked but merely Annabel's request for transcripts. She couldn't provide audio files, reporter's notes and email exchanges with the State Attorney or the Attorney General Office in regard to the 06/18/2009 transcript. It would have been native to expect otherwise. The good thing though, Ms. Pamela went on record about the audio files being inexistant and the court reporters' not accessible via subpoena. Unlike Ms. Pamela Taylor, another subpoena directed at Don Peters of Critical Technology was also responded. It's worth praising how a character like Don Peters can stand out in a case like this. where corruption and manipulation have become common practice. But first, do you remember the State response on the motion for additional

discovery? In regard to Don Peters, the state said "The people's investigation is ongoing". To call this a lie will be an euphemism. The investigation, as far as Don Peters was concerned, was not only closed but it didn't backedup whatever was said in the indictment. There have only been two people sofar in this case. Prosecuter Lynn Palac being the second individual, who have stood up for what they believed instead of giving into the razzle dazzle of Carol Spizzirri's powerful connections, like she so boastingly and manipulatively made people aware of. In a summary, Don Peters' response is every defense's dream. Unfortunately, we can't publish it at this time, but in it, transpires that both the Attorney General and the State Attorney, less than three weeks in the incident, were briefed on the case and were requesting evidence to be preserved. Furthermore, Don Peters states that the deletion wouldn't have been difficult to stage. something that has long time been suspected. It's marvellous to come across an individual like this who comes out of the woodwork of lies, manipulation, corruption and stands for TRUTH.

Comes what might. Next Court Date January 28th, 2010.

January 28th, 2010:

State responded to Defendant's Amended Motion To Dismiss, Judge Brosnahan gave the Defense some minutes to review the response before deciding on the argument's date. After reviewing the response, Defendant told the Judge that she couldn't argue the response simply because the information contained in it wasn't given to her when she filed her motion for additional discovery. She argued that the state's response in regard to that motion, mentioned a so-called pending investigation. She asked the judge to put a hold on the argument's date and force the state to provide additional discovery. The judge agreed. In the next court's date therefore. Annabel will file a Motion To Force Discovery or To Dismiss; hopefully in doing so, the information mentioned in the state's response will be available to her. Information being, among other things, the comcast bill, the forensic examination report on the IP Address and the socalled statement made by the Defendant. Worth noting, although a Status Hearing has been scheduled in Federal

Court, it's not until the federal judge ordered the removal that the case will be closed in Cook County. Next Court Date February 9th, 2010

February 9th, 2010:

Judge Brosnahan asked the state to comply as quick as possible with Defendant's Motion To Compel Discovery Or To Dismiss. Judge also reprimanded Defendant not to cross-talk her; Defendant apologized and agreed not to do so anymore. State was unable to provide the Comcast Bill, the IP Forensic Examination as well as the Defendant's Statement regarding using Comcast at the time of the incident as alleged in the state's response to her Amended Motion To Dismiss Indictment. The Judge in addition to forcing the state to produce the above information also asked Schiller Park Police's lawyer to bring Detective Martin ALL Internal Affairs Records for review and to tender to the Defendant all information relevant to her subpoena. Defendant will arque both her Motion To Compel Discovery and her Motion To Dismiss Indictment on March 3rd, 2010.

March 3rd, 2010: Carol Spizzirri, Rita Mullins,

Douglas Browne, Illinois Department Of Public Health all moved to quash the subpoenas sent to them through a state's Motion To Quash Subpoenas. It's understanding why the state might move to quash a subpoena sent to Illinois Department of Public Health. What raises evebrows however, is when the state moved to quash subpoenas sent to third parties that constituted Save-A-Life Foundation board. Judge Brosnahan reversed a ruling contradicting her decision forbidding Annabel to subpoena Schiller Park Police in regard to police reports. A ruling that Annabel objected to. Another surprising move is also when Judge Brosnahan **SUDDENLY** decided to postpone Annabel's arguments on both motion to compel discovery and motion to dismiss. She stated Annabel MUST undergo a psychological evaluation to determine if she was fit to stand trial and defend herself. A move to which Annabel responded stating that she has been more than 3 years in the case, has done a legal job that NONE of her former lawyers came close to without showing any sign of psychological derangement. Judge Brosnahan replied,

somehow disturbed, that all was irrelevant. Judge Brosnahan stated that Annabel needed a psychological evaluation because she was unable to understand her. Did the state ever asked Carol Spizzirri to undergo a psychological evaluation? If it did, it would have found out that Carol Spizzirri, not only fabricated this case from end to end by providing false statements to Randy Roberts and Dick Devine; Dick Devine who by the way, happened to be Carol Spizzirri's close friend. Judge Brosnahan forcing Annabel to undergo a psychological evaluation en lieu of letting her argue her motions is yet another move from the state and the court to block a motion to dismiss based on seven counts of perjury by **Detective Martin and** Three counts of prosecutorial misconduct by Joseph Podlasek. Annabel has a big surprise in store for the court in its attempt to push her out of the case by pretending she's psychologically unbalanced. This surprise will be known on April 14th, 2010.

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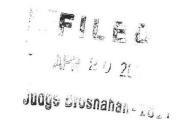
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April 20, 2010

The Honorable Mary M. Brosnahan Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County Criminal Courts Building, Room 303 2600 S. California Avenue Chicago, IL 60608



RE:

People of the State of Illinois

VS.

ANNABEL MELONGO Case No: 08 CR 10502 Due Date: April 20, 2010

Dear Judge Brosnahan:

Pursuant to Your Honor's Order, the undersigned psychiatrist examined the above defendant on April 13, 2010.

Based on the above examination and review of pertinent records, it is my opinion with a reasonable degree of medical/psychiatric certainty that Ms. Annabel Melongo IS **PRESENTLY MENTALLY FIT TO STAND TRIAL.** Currently, she does not manifest any symptoms or signs of a mental illness. She is cognizant of the charge, understands the nature and purpose of the court proceedings, and shows the ability to cooperate with counsel in her defense. Reportedly, she is not prescribed any psychotropic medication.

Ms. Melongo informed this examiner that she is no longer going pro se and retained a private attorney i.e. Mr. Nick Albukerk, who is representing her and will appear on her behalf on hernext court date i.e. 4/20/10.

Please refer to my full Psychiatric summary for the basis of my opinion.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to examine this defendant. If you have any questions or need any clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mathew S. Markos, M.D.

Director

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   THE PEOPLE OF THE
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   STATE OF ILLINOIS,
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                Plaintiff,
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                                 No. 10 CR 08092 (01)
                     -vs-
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   ANNABEL MELONGO,
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                Defendant.
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                REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the Hearing of the
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   above-entitled cause before the Honorable STEVEN GOEBEL, on
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   June 24, 2011.
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                     PRESENT:
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                     HONORABLE ANITA ALVAREZ,
                     STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY, by:
                     MR. ROBERT PODLASEK,
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                          Assistant State's Attorney,
                          for the People;
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                     MR. NICOLAS ALBUKERK,
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                          for the Defendant.
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- 1 THE CLERK: Annabel Melongo, in custody.
- 2 THE COURT: All right. Would everyone identify
- 3 themselves.
- 4 MR. ALBUKERK: Nick Albukerk, A-1-b-u-k-e-r-k.
- 5 MR. PODLASEK: Robert Podlasek, P-o-d-l-a-s-e-k, for the
- 6 State.
- 7 THE COURT: Good afternoon, Ms. Melongo.
- 8 All right. Mr. Albukerk, I will let you start.
- 9 MR. ALBUKERK: Thank you, Judge. Well, Judge, we're
- 10 here again. As you know, my client has very, very much
- 11 wanted to hire other counsel, counsel besides me, and we have
- 12 to keep getting these continuances to find out if in fact she
- 13 will be able to hire new counsel. She has had certain
- 14 problems, because unfortunately, she's had some -- she tells
- 15 me -- I spoke to her briefly in the back -- she's had some
- 16 medical problems. She needed to undergo some surgery. And
- 17 unfortunately, her family -- her mother, specifically, lives
- 18 in France. That's something I have been able to confirm,
- 19 because I have spoken to her there. And she would like
- 20 desperately to speak with her mother so that she can hire
- 21 this other counsel, for the record. And respectfully, my
- 22 client is asking for a continuance to call her mother to
- 23 arrange the funds to hire other counsel.
- 24 THE COURT: All right. I understand. You also have a

- 1 motion to withdraw?
- 2 MR. ALBUKERK: Correct.
- 3 THE COURT: Do you wish to argue that today?
- 4 MR. ALBUKERK: Judge, I stand on, you know, what is
- 5 written in there. My client has already filed an ARDC
- 6 complaint against me.
- 7 THE COURT: What is the status of the ARDC complaint?
- 8 MR. ALBUKERK: I know it was filed and then I had to
- 9 file a response. I did file that response over a month ago.
- 10 And I have not heard back from the ARDC in terms of whether
- 11 or not they've ruled one way or another.
- 12 THE DEFENDANT: After his response, they sent me some
- 13 papers, and then I have to answer in about two weeks,
- 14 respond, and provide more documents, and then I did that
- 15 April 29th. And then they told me if it's a valid complaint
- 16 then they are going to investigate. So I guess they are
- 17 investigating.
- 18 THE COURT: All right. Well, they would let both
- 19 parties know if they're going to investigate, with my
- 20 experience with the ARDC, having dealt with them on a
- 21 professional level, so that's what they do.
- Mr. Podlasek, do you have a response? What's the
- 23 State's position?
- MR. PODLASEK: Judge, as far as the State's concerned,

- 1 Mr. Albukerk has explained to me the situation he was in
- 2 months ago. I believe we had no objection to him withdrawing
- 3 months ago from this case. It's just a matter of whether or
- 4 not the defendant is going to be represented or not.
- 5 THE DEFENDANT: I'm going to be represented.
- 6 THE COURT: All right. Here's the situation. The
- 7 appellate courts have held just the mere filing of an ARDC
- 8 complaint does not require withdrawal. There's been nothing
- 9 represented to me here today or in the past court appearances
- 10 that would automatically require a withdrawal. Otherwise,
- 11 defendants would simply go around every time they wanted a
- 12 new attorney and file an ARDC complaint, and the appellate
- 13 courts have recognized that possibility and have dismissed
- 14 that possibility and there has to be something more valid to
- 15 it. That's why I asked you what the status of the ARDC
- 16 complaint is.
- 17 And Ms. Melongo, I'm also very concerned about
- 18 your status. Obviously, you have been in custody now for
- 19 quite sometime and it's important for you to get this matter
- 20 to trial, because you're sitting in custody, and I don't know
- 21 ultimately how the case will turn out. But if you were found
- 22 guilty, you may be sitting in custody longer than had you
- 23 gone to trial and the jury found whatever they are going to
- 24 find. So it's important for you to get this matter to trial

- 1 as well. Do you understand what I'm saying?
- 2 THE DEFENDANT: Judge, please I really need time, and
- 3 actually, I have to see everything that's going on with the
- 4 first case. Albukerk never represented me, unless I know
- 5 exactly what the ARDC is going to say, because there were
- 6 some things that were done, like motions were filed. I never
- 7 knew about them. There were things that were done behind my
- 8 back. I never knew about them. I want to know all of those
- 9 things. It has nothing do with the appellate court. The
- 10 relationship between us is really damaged. And unless
- 11 Albukerk told me that he didn't want to represent me, I don't
- 12 want him to represent me any more, so I don't know -- you
- 13 cannot put us together, because the relationship right now is
- 14 really damaged, unless maybe what you can do, maybe you can
- 15 give a stamp to kind of walk on that condition, but I really
- 16 want to see exactly what -- all the motions, everything in my
- 17 last file. Maybe then I can reconsider hiring him back, but
- 18 right now --
- 19 THE COURT: Okay. What do you want to see from your
- 20 first case?
- 21 THE DEFENDANT: There were things like -- there were
- 22 motions filed, there were things that Albukerk did and then
- 23 never informed me about those motions. There were a lot of
- 24 motions that were filed and I never knew about them.

- 1 THE COURT: A motion that was filed. Do you know what
- 2 kind of motion you are concerned with?
- 3 THE DEFENDANT: I left -- maybe if I can go back, I left
- 4 the certificate of disposition in my cell, but I can go date
- 5 by date. There were things that were done behind my back. I
- 6 never knew that he did those things. Sometimes he even
- 7 waived my appearance on something and I was not even aware of
- 8 my appearance being waived.
- 9 THE COURT: All right. That's usually typical for a
- 10 court date. I mean, your appearance cannot be waived for an
- 11 actual substantive hearing where testimony is heard. The
- 12 judge would not accept that or even allow that to go forward.
- 13 But it's not unusual, it happens all the time, where an
- 14 attorney will ask for a continuance and waive their client's
- 15 appearance for various reasons, but nothing substantive
- 16 happens during those court appearances, and I certainly would
- 17 not let that happen, either. You will be present for all
- 18 substantive matters that any kind of ruling or any kind of
- 19 argument is being made, because I won't tolerate that. I
- 20 will not permit it as a judge on your case, I can assure you
- 21 that.
- 22 All right. This is what we will do --
- 23 THE DEFENDANT: For instance --
- 24 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.

- 1 THE DEFENDANT: For instance, post trial, there was a
- 2 remanded file on my bond review, and that bond has been
- 3 denied, and I never knew that there was a bond review after
- 4 the trial. During that time, I was preparing to re-file that
- 5 bond reduction and everything, but then I saw the certificate
- 6 and then I saw the bond review and then a remanded file and
- 7 everything and I was extremely confused, and I don't know
- 8 what was the mandate for, what my bond -- the motion to
- 9 review my bond was denied when I never even knew that such a
- 10 motion was filed. I never knew. So I need to see all --
- 11 THE COURT: I will rule on Mr. Albukerk's motion to
- 12 withdraw and your motion to have him dismissed in two weeks.
- 13 All right?
- 14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 15 THE COURT: You don't have an attorney ready and waiting
- 16 to come in on this case.
- 17 THE DEFENDANT: No, I have an attorney waiting.
- 18 THE COURT: Who is that?
- 19 THE DEFENDANT: Mr. Willis.
- 20 THE COURT: Robert Willis?
- 21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. The only thing is, I have to talk
- 22 to my family. And like I said, I can still give Albukerk a
- 23 chance, but I really need to know exactly what he did.
- 24 Unless I see what he did, I can never -- I cannot go to him.

- 1 He did a lot of things behind my back.
- 2 THE COURT: All right. I am going to continue it for
- 3 two weeks and then rule on this matter.
- 4 MR. ALBUKERK: Judge, in any event, first of all, number
- 5 one, let's get a date. Number two, with the permission of
- 6 the Court, can I prepare an order ordering the Cook County
- 7 Sheriff to grant my client a long distance overseas phone
- 8 call to her family?
- 9 THE COURT: Yes, I will sign an order for that,
- 10 absolutely.
- 11 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, Judge.
- 12 THE COURT: You're welcome.
- 13 All right. July 11th?
- 14 MR. ALBUKERK: Yes.
- 15 THE COURT: It will be at 1:00 o'clock.
- MR. ALBUKERK: All right. I will be able to fit it in.
- 17 THE DEFENDANT: Can you also order Albukerk to show me
- 18 my entire file? I want to see everything.
- 19 THE COURT: Well, he can go over it. There are certain
- 20 things, you know, he cannot show you. He cannot show you
- 21 police reports and things like that, but he can go over those
- 22 with you.
- 23 THE DEFENDANT: Okay.
- 24 MR. ALBUKERK: Judge, I have already addressed all of

- 1 her concerns. I have already explained them quite fully. I
- 2 have already been a visitor in the jail several times. That
- 3 is exactly what I told the ARDC as well, or something to that
- 4 effect. What she wants is, she wants transcripts and copies
- 5 of absolutely everything and every file. She wants
- 6 mathematical reproductions of the events in the case, and I
- 7 cannot do that. I cannot give her --
- 8 THE COURT: What do you mean "mathematical
- 9 reproductions"?
- 10 MR. ALBUKERK: She basically wants a word by word
- 11 reproduction of everything that has occurred in her case over
- 12 the last year and a half.
- 13 THE DEFENDANT: That's not true, that's not true.
- MR. ALBUKERK: I have already gone over with her every
- 15 single motion. I have already explained to her what went on.
- 16 And she simply doesn't accept it. That's the problem.
- 17 THE DEFENDANT: Judge, that's not true. I asked him to
- 18 bring my entire file to jail and I want to review every
- 19 motion filed that I was not aware of. I never asked him to
- 20 make me a copy --
- 21 THE COURT: I'm sure Mr. Albukerk will go over the
- 22 motions that were filed.
- 23 THE DEFENDANT: Just bring any my entire file and let me
- 24 go through my file.

- 1 MR. ALBUKERK: Judge, I'm not going to do that.
 2 THE COURT: He cannot do that. He can go over things
- 3 with you, but he cannot just hand over his file to you.
- 4 That's not permissible.
- 5 THE DEFENDANT: I don't need to see his copy -- I just
- 6 want to see -- I am entitled to know the kind of motion he
- 7 has filed.
- 8 THE COURT: Right. He can go over the motions with you.
- 9 MR. ALBUKERK: I have already been over all of that with
- 10 you.
- 11 THE DEFENDANT: No, you have not, you have not.
- 12 MR. ALBUKERK: I have.
- 13 THE DEFENDANT: See, that's the issue.
- 14 THE COURT: All right. I can see the two of you do have
- 15 some issues. I will rule on this July 11th then.
- 16 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter was
- 17 continued to July 11, 2011.)
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              MR. ROBERT PODLASEK, Assistant State's Attorney,
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                       on behalf of the People;
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              MS. ANNABEL MELONGO,
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              MR. NICOLAS ALBUKERK,
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- 1 THE CLERK: Annabel Melongo, in custody.
- 2 MR. ALBUKERK: Nick Albukerk, A L B U K E R K, former lawyer
- 3 of Annabel Melongo.
- 4 MR. PODLASEK: Robert Podlasek, PODLASEK, for the
- 5 State.
- 6 THE COURT: All right. They're bringing out Miss Melongo.
- 7 The discovery, were you able to go through that before it is
- 8 tendered?
- 9 MR. ALBUKERK: Yes. I think -- well, I'll wait -- I'll wait
- 10 until she's here and then I'll start talking about it I guess. I
- 11 think this is all of it.
- 12 THE COURT: Okay.
- 13 (Pause in proceedings)
- 14 THE COURT: Okay. Miss Melongo is before the Court. Good
- 15 morning, Miss Melongo.
- 16 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Good morning.
- 17 THE COURT: Mr. Podlasek.
- 18 MR. PODLASEK: Robert Podlasek, PODLASEK.
- 19 THE COURT: Mr. Albukerk.
- MR. ALBUKERK: Nick Albukerk for the record, former lawyer of
- 21 Miss Melongo.
- Judge, pursuant to the Court's request I have brought
- 23 what I believe to be all of the discovery materials. Also I
- 24 basically brought my entire file to court. And obviously it's my

- 1 understanding that Ms. Melongo is going to represent herself. It
- 2 has been raised by the State that there's a duty to redact some of
- 3 this material. A lot of this material is material that I
- 4 subpoenaed. It's also -- it's mixed together because it's not
- just the -- it's not just the eavesdropping case. It's also
- 6 the -- the computer tampering case as well. I don't know, your
- 7 Honor, if you want to go through these materials with me or if you
- 8 want me to go through them -- me to go through them with her. I
- 9 don't know how you exactly want to do this. Oh, and then the
- 10 bottom box is essentially all documents. The top box is all
- 11 basically clothes.
- 12 THE COURT: All right. State, what's your position?
- MR. PODLASEK: Judge, our position is that we need to review
- 14 it. We need to redact any witnesses' telephone numbers and/or
- 15 addresses. It's my understanding that if Miss Melongo wants
- 16 somebody to be in court, she's going to have to ask the Court to
- 17 issue a subpoena.
- 18 THE COURT: Miss Melongo, your position?
- 19 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Actually the last time I was in court the
- 20 State, they talk about a Supreme Court rule that actually give
- 21 them the permission to go to my file and get it. I went to the
- 22 law library, went to the Supreme Court rule. Supreme Court Rule
- 23 412, 13, 14, 15. There's nothing there that say once a defendant
- 24 go pro se the discovery information has to be changed. In fact,

two years ago I became pro se. There was not a single page that 1 2 was changed. THE COURT: Redacted you mean? 3 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Yes. There was nothing that -- actually 4 everything was given to me, all the subpoena, everything. So why 5 is it two years later then suddenly the State remember, oh, we 6 have to change information. Where was that knowledge and wisdom 7 two years ago? Why was -- wasn't it my changed two years ago when 8 I also became pro se? So I actually fine that extremely 9 suspicious for the State to actually want to get my file and 10 11 change some information. And, Judge, if you'll notice, if they take my files is 12 such a prejudice to me because in this file are communication 13 between Albukerk and myself that are confidential. 14 things that the State should not see and for the State to come in 15 to request my files actually going to be a great prejudice 16 actually for me and completely. I don't want the State to get to 17 my file. Albukerk know what the State want. Albukerk has to show 18 you the information. And if the State want it, the State can have 19 it and maybe Albukerk see it, you know. Albukerk know exactly 20 what kind of information the State want so Albukerk can make two 21 copies, one he keeps and the other one that he gives it to me. 22 I'm not -- I'm not in this case pro se for long and we 23

are actually going in circle. I received this letter last week

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- from my mother and you can see it's French. And what the letter
- 2 say, she say I have the money. To whom you want me to send the
- 3 money for your defense? And I have been trying, calling every day
- 4 here to court asking to have access to phone communication and so
- 5 that I can give her the information to send the money. I don't
- 6 know if you have a French translator there but everything -- you
- 7 can make a copy for this. She actually give me dates where I can
- 8 call her to give her that information. So eventually a lawyer is
- 9 going to get access to my file and the State in no way should get
- 10 to my file.
- 11 THE COURT: All right. So what you're telling me essentially
- is that your mother is going to hire an attorney for you. Is that
- 13 what you're telling me?
- 14 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Yes. And --
- THE COURT: I believe you've been telling --
- 16 DEFENDANT MELONGO: I need --
- 17 THE COURT: Hold on. I know you've been telling me for quite
- 18 a while you're going to have an attorney. And your mom wrote you
- a letter so you have not spoken to her on the phone at all or have
- you had any communication through your friend who is always in
- 21 court, helped you write the last motion -- not helped you write it
- 22 but delivered it to the Court I should say.
- 23 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Yes. I can just tell -- she doesn't have
- 24 access -- she doesn't have an international phone -- phone line.

- 1 I can just tell her say this to my mom through somebody else.
- 2 That's the only way I can tell her, but if I have to respond to
- this letter, it's going to take another month for me to actually
- 4 have the response and -- and know if she send the money or how
- 5 because once you send the money to the Western Union there has to
- 6 be some money order, tracking number and so that you have to send
- 7 back for the person to actually cash the money. And the issue has
- 8 been give me a local phone and I have an international phone card
- 9 so give me a phone with a local access so that I can just call my
- 10 mom and give her that information. If I call my mom today, by the
- 11 end of the week I have the money. And I have been asking this
- 12 every time I been in court. The State say, oh, they have some
- 13 security issue.
- 14 THE COURT: Hold on one second. You said you called your mom
- once before from the jail?
- 16 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Yes.
- 17 THE COURT: There was -- there was a translator there?
- MR. PODLASEK: Yes. They had a -- they have a French
- 19 translator. And I --
- THE COURT: Mr. Albukerk, were you part of that?
- MR. ALBUKERK: We -- if I -- if memory serves correctly, this
- 22 was a while ago. We got an order for the -- for my client to make
- 23 a phone call to France and -- and I know that it was my
- understanding, I wasn't there at the time, but it was my

- understanding that she, in fact, did make phone calls to France.
- 2 And I have been in communication obviously with my client's mother
- 3 as well and she -- the mother had told me that she, you know, had
- 4 received these phone calls. So it's -- this is going back many,
- 5 many months obviously, probably over a year now.
- 6 DEFENDANT MELONGO: No, that's not true.
- 7 MR. ALBUKERK: Well, it was going back many months.
- 8 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Actually my -- my -- my social worker call
- 9 you.
- 10 THE COURT: All right. You're not going to fight with your
- 11 attorney right now.
- 12 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay.
- 13 THE COURT: Or your former attorney.
- 14 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Let me -- let me clarify this. Before my
- 15 surgery the social worker called me to request my mother phone
- 16 number and Nick gave her the phone number and then I make two call
- 17 from France at the jail and there was a French translator there.
- 18 So after the surgery when I -- in the presence of the translator
- 19 say we can do this once per month. So after the surgery when I
- 20 requested to make the monthly phone call, then the social worker
- 21 start jerking me around. She gave me appointment and then she --
- she would not hold the appointment and that's why I came here so
- 23 that it's formally an order so that I can -- I can make those
- 24 phone calls.

- 1 THE COURT: All right. So you understand, if I sign an order
- 2 to allow you to make a phone call to France to facilitate moving
- 3 this case along and hopefully you getting an attorney, you
- 4 understand it's going to be someone else listening to your phone
- 5 call.
- 6 DEFENDANT MELONGO: I know.
- 7 THE COURT: Do you understand that?
- 8 DEFENDANT MELONGO: That's why there was a France translator
- 9 there. She actually listened to my conversation. She told me you
- 10 cannot talk about drugs and all those -- those -- she
- 11 actually tell me exactly the thing I can say and thing I cannot.
- 12 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Albukerk, I'm going to ask you to
- do one last thing even though you're not counsel anymore. If you
- 14 prepare an order to what I just said, I'm going to allow Miss
- 15 Melongo to have a phone call to France.
- 16 MR. ALBUKERK: Right.
- 17 THE COURT: However, the jail obviously will have a translator
- and will be allowed to listen to the phone call for security
- 19 reasons.
- MR. ALBUKERK: Very well.
- 21 THE COURT: Okay?
- MR. ALBUKERK: Yes. I'll draft that.
- 23 THE COURT: And as far as discovery, I assume there is matters
- 24 within your discovery file, Mr. Albukerk --

- 1 MR. ALBUKERK: Yes.
- 2 THE COURT: -- that are attorney-client privilege.
- 3 MR. ALBUKERK: Judge, I believe -- Judge, I believe there are
- 4 things in the file that are probably attorney-client privilege and
- 5 that other things that I subpoenaed that, you know, an attorney
- 6 wouldn't normally turn over. I just -- I mean there's a lot of
- 7 stuff in the file obviously.
- 8 DEFENDANT MELONGO: But you never told me.
- 9 THE COURT: Hold on, Miss Melongo.
- 10 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay.
- 11 THE COURT: Hold on. I want to hold this over for a short
- 12 date. I want you to tell me what those items are. The State will
- 13 not be entitled to those items that are attorney-client
- 14 privilege --
- 15 MR. ALBUKERK: Okay.
- 16 THE COURT: -- or that are not discoverable items. I want to
- 17 know what those are and we're going to set this down. Tell me
- 18 what those items are. Otherwise the items that are not listed
- 19 we're going -- I'm going to have you go over those with the State
- 20 and those items will be redacted. Miss Melongo, just because the
- 21 State may or may not have two years ago asked for those items to
- 22 be redacted does not mean that they can't ask for that now because
- 23 that's what the law is. And --
- 24 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge --

- 1 THE COURT: -- it's not a waiver issue.
- 2 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge, can I have the statute or the case
- 3 law please?
- THE COURT: That's what the case law is, Miss Melongo.
- 5 DEFENDANT MELONGO: What case?
- THE COURT: You're representing yourself now. It's up to you
- 7 to find your own case law and find your own statutes. Okay? I'm
- 8 not here to give you case law and statutes.
- 9 DEFENDANT MELONGO: No. Because --
- 10 THE COURT: You're representing yourself. And don't interrupt
- 11 me.
- 12 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay.
- 13 THE COURT: That's going to be my ruling. You find it.
- 14 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge, may I please?
- 15 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- DEFENDANT MELONGO: Because the last time we were here, the
- 17 State said there was a Supreme Court rule that allow him to do
- 18 that and I went to the law library. There's -- I haven't seen
- 19 that Supreme Court rule. If the State can tell me the Supreme
- 20 Court rule that will allow the State to go to my file and redact
- 21 information.
- 22 THE COURT: Okay. I'm not going to allow him to go through
- 23 your whole file.
- MR. PODLASEK: I think Judge Joyce was here the last time and

- 1 he may have cited a rule and I merely said I believe so. I didn't
- 2 cite any rules. I think Judge Joyce did cite a rule to Miss
- 3 Melongo. I don't know if that was the correct rule. I didn't
- 4 look it up.
- 5 THE COURT: Okay. In either case --
- 6 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay.
- 7 THE COURT: -- it is what the law is and I am going to allow
- 8 that. They will not get any confidential attorney-client
- 9 information or materials. That is privileged. You're absolutely
- 10 correct. State is not entitled to that and they will not get
- 11 that. However, the regular and normal discovery that does include
- 12 names, addresses will be redacted.
- 13 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay.
- 14 THE COURT: But this whole process could be circumvented if
- 15 you had an attorney here. So the first thing we're going to do is
- 16 have that order signed.
- 17 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Yes.
- 18 THE COURT: And hold this over for a date and hopefully you
- 19 can tell me when you can have an attorney here.
- 20 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Yes.
- 21 THE COURT: And that's going to save Mr. Albukerk and Mr.
- 22 Podlasek a lot of hours going through the discovery.
- MR. PODLASEK: Judge, just for the Court's notice you may get
- 24 someone from the sheriff's office filing something.

- 1 THE COURT: That's fine. Then they can file it. But if it
- was allowed before, they can certainly allow it again and we need
- 3 to get this case moving along.
- 4 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I'm just --
- 5 THE COURT: That they will be allowed so there's no security
- 6 issues to have an interpreter present.
- 7 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge, when it's time, can you ask sheriff
- give a time, a time line because you sign an order and then they
- 9 execute an order like a month later. If you can give a time line,
- 10 if they can put this week so I can call my mom.
- 11 THE COURT: Right. I want it within a week so, Mr. Albukerk,
- 12 put in -- today being obviously the 20th. I want her to be called
- 13 by the 27th.
- 14 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay.
- 15 THE COURT: One week.
- DEFENDANT MELONGO: And last but not least -- and, Judge,
- 17 Albukerk never told me that he ever subpoena something and he
- actually showed me two subpoena and then I asked him so what
- 19 happens to the subpoena. He say, oh, they have been quashed and
- that's why I'm kind of surprised now. He came now. I have those
- 21 subpoena and the information needs to be changed. I never knew
- 22 that Albukerk ever subpoena something and those subpoena were
- 23 actually returned to him. He never gave me that information so
- 24 I'm kind of surprised now that he has for which I had no idea that

- 1 he had documents for which I knew nothing about.
- THE COURT: Okay. Well, we'll deal with that as we proceed
- 3 here. Mr. Albukerk has two boxes it looks like.
- 4 MR. ALBUKERK: Yes, Judge. The top box is all clothes and
- 5 shoes. The second box below is all documents that either have
- 6 been tendered to me by the State that I have copied and put
- 7 together for my trial notebooks. And then there's a lot of
- 8 material like I said that I subpoenaed all of which, by the way,
- 9 Judge, I did, in fact, tell my client about in great detail.
- THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Albukerk, I understand. Let's go to
- the first week of October. What's a good date for you, Mr.
- 12 Albukerk?
- MR. ALBUKERK: What's a good date for us to come back?
- 14 THE COURT: Right.
- MR. ALBUKERK: Soon I imagine.
- 16 THE COURT: First week of October.
- DEFENDANT MELONGO: Maybe the 5th, the first Wednesday?
- 18 THE COURT: How's the 5th?
- 19 MR. ALBUKERK: 5th will work out fine.
- 20 MR. PODLASEK: That's fine.
- THE COURT: All right. By agreement October 5th.
- MR. ALBUKERK: Judge, what was that extension again?
- 23 MR. PODLASEK: 3359.
- 24 MR. ALBUKERK: 3359?

- 1 THE COURT: The court extension?
- 2 MR. ALBUKERK: Yes.
- 3 THE COURT: 3359.
- 4 MR. ALBUKERK: Judge, just to clarify you would like me to --
- 5 you want me to come up with a -- for the lack of a better term an
- 6 index of everything I've got?
- 7 THE COURT. No. You don't have to come up with an index of
- 8 everything you have. I just want you to tell me what is
- 9 confidential. Obviously you don't have to tell the State. And
- 10 show -- show me what that could be or just tell me what it could
- 11 be. You don't have to show me.
- 12 MR. ALBUKERK: Okay.
- 13 THE COURT: And I will make a ruling. If it's attorney-client
- 14 privilege, it will not be tendered obviously to the State.
- MR. ALBUKERK: I could -- how about if I put it into three
- 16 piles, one being definite, you know, discovery that was tendered
- to me by the State, one being just I don't know and then the other
- 18 being definite, you know, attorney-client privilege because
- 19 there's a lot of stuff that I subpoenaed that it bears on the
- 20 investigation. It bears on -- it bears on how one might try
- 21 either one of the cases.
- THE COURT: Was that information tendered to the State in
- 23 discovery?
- MR. ALBUKERK: No, it wasn't. I mean it was -- because I --

- 1 it was subpoenaed -- for instance, I subpoenaed materials in the
- 2 computer tampering case while we were still, you know, on the
- 3 eavesdropping case.
- 4 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, the reason I'm going -- the motion that
- 5 we have is for all discovery in both cases so if there's material
- 6 that is going to be presented in the computer tampering case, at
- 7 some point we would like access to that since they make reference
- 8 to that in the eavesdropping case.
- 9 DEFENDANT MELONGO: It has to be done through motion, not
- 10 going through my file.
- MR. PODLASEK: We have filed a motion, Judge.
- 12 THE COURT: Right. Both sides have an on duty -- ongoing duty
- 13 to disclose all discovery matters. So if you want to divide it up
- in three piles, I will look at it and I will decide.
- DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge, may I?
- 16 THE COURT: You may.
- 17 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Instead of him dividing can he just wait
- 18 because once I receive my money the lawyer is there waiting for --
- 19 it's just a matter of a week.
- 20 THE COURT: Okay.
- 21 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Instead of him going through my stuff.
- THE COURT: We'll see where we're at then. First week of
- October, October 5th. Nothing will be tendered before that date.
- MR. PODLASEK: The motion that was filed by Miss Melongo.

- 1 THE COURT: I'm sorry.
- 2 MR. PODLASEK: There's a motion pending.
- 3 THE COURT: That will be held as well.
- 4 MR. PODLASEK: Okay.
- 5 THE COURT: I'm just waiting for Mr. Albukerk to finish the
- order and it will be continued to October 5th.
- 7 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Can I have --
- 8 MR. ALBUKERK: Miss Melongo, can you tell me what your ID
- 9 number is? Miss Melongo, can I get your ID number please?
- 10 THE CLERK: 2011-0414060.
- 11 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Not 2011. 2010.
- MR. ALBUKERK: 2010. You say it again. Couldn't be 11 but
- 13 that's okay. What was the other?
- 14 THE CLERK: 0414060.
- DEFENDANT MELONGO: This is my ID, Judge. It says 2010.
- 16 THE COURT: Okay. 2010.
- 17 (Pause in proceedings)
- 18 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge --
- 19 THE COURT: Mr. Albukerk, show a copy as well to Miss Melongo.
- 20 MR. ALBUKERK: Certainly.
- THE COURT: Okay. I'll be in chambers.
- MR. PODLASEK: Just bring it back there?
- 23 THE COURT: Yes.
- 24 (Which were all the proceedings had)

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2	COUNTY OF COOK)
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4	the Circuit Court of Cook County, County Department-Criminal
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4	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT-CRIMINAL DIVISION
5	COOKIT DEL'AKTIENT-CKTITIVAL DIVISION
6	THE PEOPLE OF THE) STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
7	Plaintiff,
8	CHARGE: CRIMINAL vs. CASE NO: 10 CR 08092-01
9	ANNABEL MELONGO,
10	Defendant.
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13	BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 5th day of OCTOBER, 2011, A.D, this cause came on to be heard before the HONORABLE STEVEN GOEBEL, Judge of said court,
14	before the HONORABLE STEVEN GOEBEL, Judge of said court, herein, the defendant having entered a plea of not
15	guilty.
16	APPEARANCES: HON: ANITA ALVAREZ.
17	State's Attorney of Cook County by
18	MR. ROBERT PODLASEK, Asst. State's Attorney, On behalf of the People of Illinois;
19	* * * * * * * *
20	MS. ANNABEL MELONGO,
21	Appearing Pro Se.
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23	JAMIE MITCHELL OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER
24	CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
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THE CLERK: Annabel Melongo. 1 MR. ALBUKERK: For the record, Nick Albukerk, 2 former counsel for Annabel Melongo. 3 MR. PODLASEK: Robert Podlasek on behalf of the 4 State. 5 THE COURT: Good morning, Ms. Melongo, how are 6 you? 7 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Fine. 8 THE COURT: Did you make your phone call? 9 DEFENDANT MELONGO: I didn't -- they haven't 10 let me make a phone call. I ask that --11 THE COURT: I didn't hear you. 12 DEFENDANT MELONGO: They didn't let me make a 13 They didn't let me make a phone call. I wrote you 14 a later. By next week, I'm going to respond. But, your 15 order for the phone call has not been complied with. 16 So, I will ask, at this time, to 17 file a co-counsel and maybe you could fine --18 THE COURT: As I kind of explained to you 19 before, I really don't have jurisdiction over the jail as 20 far as forcing them to do things like phone calls and 21 library privileges and things like that. All I could do 22 is make an order. But, it's ultimately up to them ^23 whether or not they're going to, pursuant to their 24

administrative policy and safety requirements at the jail, comply with those orders.

I'm not going to hold the Cook County Jail in contempt of court. Let's proceed with discovery. Mr. Albukerk, where are we at?

MR. ALBUKERK: Judge, pursuant to your order, I brought to the Court, two large sized boxes. The first box is all the clothes, shoes, several outfits that Ms. Melongo used in her last trial and presumably needs to use in any further jury trials. The bottom box is all the documents that I've had in both her cases, both her eavesdropping cases, as well as the other case, the computer tampering case.

I've gone through the entire box. I believe -- I hope that I got out every single document which could be arguably privileged. I believe the documents are definitely privileged. They would be like letters between her and I.

THE COURT: Those are privileged?

MR. ALBUKERK: Exactly. There's some other communications which arguably could be privileged. It's about an inch thick worth of document. With the Court's permission, I would open it up. If the Court wants to review those documents, it could.

The rest of the box, I believe is 1 all the things that we either subpoenaed as part of my 2 investigation, or that is discovery that was tendered to 3 us, most of which has already been tendered. Some of the 4 subpoenaed materials regarding the computer tampering 5 case has not been tendered to the State. That's because 6 the State elected on the eavesdropping case. 7 THE COURT: But, in your opinion, they are 8 discoverable? 9 MR. ALBUKERK: Oh, yes, absolutely. 10 THE COURT: All right. I do not want to look 11 at any private communications between you and 12 Ms. Melongo. I'm not going to look at those. Do not 13 tender those to me. You could either keep them or give 14 them to Ms. Melongo. 15 MR. ALBUKERK: There are e-mails and stuff. 16 THE COURT: Did you make copies for your files 17 so that you have copies if you need them? 18 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Yes, I want to request that 19 too. 20 I did not. MR. ALBUKERK: 21 THE COURT: Do you wish copies? You should 22 have copies, I would think. That's up to you. 23 MR. ALBUKERK: Well, Judge, I believe that 24

everything in here -- because she's representing herself, I did not believe that was necessary.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: But, Judge, it's necessary because the question is not if I'm going to get counsel, it's when I'm going to get counsel. I don't want to re-subpoena all those documents. Mr. Albukerk, you made a copy so that is given to me. When I get the counsel, then the original files are given to my lawyer. I don't want to -- Judge, see all this? I'm not going to redo everything. Copies has to be made.

I'm not talking about a copy of the documents, I'm talking about -- the State is going to redact and make copies of the documents. I'm talking right now the smaller file Mr. Albukerk is holding in his hand, which is attorney/client privilege, which talks about the contracts and other communications between you and him. That's really all I'm dealing with right now.

As far as the boxes are concerned, those will be tendered to the State to redact, because they're discoverable. There's nothing private in those documents that are attorney/client privilege. The State will redact those.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge, can -- I want to

object about the State getting this file, because I haven't even seen this file. I'm not even sure that Albukerk, what he's saying -- everything is not confidential. I really have to see and decide what is not confidential. To give my file to the State, will be really unfair process done to the defendant. You have really prejudiced the defendant.

THE COURT: The attorney/client privilege these are reports, documents.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: Why I can't --

THE COURT: It's all discoverable material.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: Why can't I just -- why can't we just sit at the table and then one by one and see those documents -- actually see what they are. I don't need to see the names. I don't need to see the addresses. I don't even have that memory to remember addresses and names of all those documents. I have to see what is in this file before it's been tendered to the State.

THE COURT: Okay.

Well, that's exactly what the law does not allow, because there's certain information within the files that you're not allowed to see -
DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge --

THE COURT: -- like names -- not names, but addresses and things like that.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge, with all due respect, last time after watching the State law -- reading the case law -- I've been to the Supreme Court Rules that says once defendant becomes pro se, her file has to be dedacted [sic.] I've never seen that statute. I've never seen that case law. I asked you that the last time.

THE COURT: Well, I asked you not to represent yourself because you don't know the law. All right.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay.

THE COURT: It's not up to me to tell you what the law is as far as giving you case law rules and things like that. You chose to represent yourself.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: I haven't been helped so far in actually getting a lawyer. It's been months. I've been asking for phone calls. The first time it was no, the Court cannot do it because of security issues. I've never seen the -- seen those security issues.

The second time -- and all that was made to make a phone call. Nobody cares about the orders. I come here with no -- with no lawyer, and my file had to be tendered to the State because I have no

lawyer whereas nobody actually helped me to get a lawyer.

It's not if -- like I just say,

it's not if I'm going to get a lawyer, it's when I'm

going to get a lawyer. Mr. Albukerk keep my file until I

get a lawyer if that's the case. My file should not be

tendered to the State.

THE COURT: That's why we're going back to the same thing originally. I mean, I saw your friend. She's sitting in court giving you the high 5 when you finally discharged Mr. Albukerk. That was your method of getting rid of Mr. Albukerk and doing what you wanted to do on this case. You're doing it just so you could buy your time to get a lawyer.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: I'm not buying time.

THE COURT: I'm going to proceed with this case. If you want to represent yourself, you have to represent yourself. This case is going to go to trial. I'm not going to wait months like it's been since you've been telling me it's going to be a lawyer. You told me that for months now. There's no attorney. I don't even foresee an attorney on the horizon for that matter.

I'm not going to keep delaying this case. If you chose to represent yourself now, you're going to represent yourself.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay.

But, right now, my file -- and I will object on the record. I would really object to it. It will be an unfair prejudice to the defendant to have a file tendered to the defendant before the defendant even see what is in the file. This is a lawyer I fired. I don't trust him. Tell me what is confidential and not in my file. I have to see what is in my file to decide if it's confidential or not.

THE COURT: That's not up to you to decide.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay.

THE COURT: Your objection is noted for the record. Objection is overruled and the boxes portion will be tendered to the State. What Mr. Albukerk has in his hand, that's all the confidential information.

MR. ALBUKERK: I believe it is. As you know, it's a fairly big file. I believe I went through it. I diligently hope I didn't make any mistakes. I did the best I could.

THE COURT: Hopefully you didn't. State, you go through it, see if there is anything. If you run across anything, I'm instructing you not to review it at all. Stop immediately and set it aside.

MR. PODLASEK: I will.

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THE COURT: Do you understand? 1 MR. PODLASEK: Yes. Judge, there's one box in 2 there, you don't expect us to take the clothes? You 3 don't expect us to take that, do you? 4 THE COURT: No. What does the clothes have to 5 6 do --MR. ALBUKERK: They're her clothes. I mean, I 7 could, with the Court's permission, there's -- there's 8 someone here in court for Ms. Melongo, I could give her 9 the clothes. 10 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Yes. 11 MR. ALBUKERK: But, those clothes would have to 12 be brought back here obviously for any trial. It's going 13 to be a jury. 14 DEFENDANT MELONGO: I don't even have a trial 15 date now. 16 THE COURT: We don't have a trial date yet. 17 MR. ALBUKERK: The clothes --18 THE COURT: The name of your friend in the 19 audience is who? 20 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Myeshia Hamilton. 21 THE COURT: Okav. 22 Can you give those clothes to her. 23 That's what you wish, Ms. Melongo? 24 LL-11

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DEFENDANT MELONGO: Yes.

THE COURT: Okay.

Mr. Albukerk, you could give those clothes to Ms. Hamilton shortly. All the documents will go to the State for redaction and tender to Ms. Melongo.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: Like I say, can I have a copy of the original, because like I say, it's not if I'm going to get a lawyer, it's when I'm going to get a I don't want to re-subpoena all those documents, Judge. You really have to be fair on this one. You have to make an original copy, seal it and give it to the next lawer and redact the information to me so that when the next lawyer come, we don't need to go through the same process of subpoenaing the documents.

THE COURT: Okay.

That's a fair request. Make copies.

MR. PODLASEK: Of the entire box?

THE COURT: Of that box.

MR. PODLASEK: Judge, that's -- that's fine, But, I can tell you right now, there's a 30 day to 6 week backlog with the copy department. So, that's how long it's going to take before I could get to redact it.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: Everything, those documents 1 don't even need to be redacted. That's why we -- we 2 really have to see what is redactable and what is not. 3 THE COURT: Well, it's going to be the State's 4 job to go through them. They're going to have to go 5 through them. 6 7 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Then I would --THE COURT: If it's going to take the State 8 that long, then obviously you're going to need some time 9 since you're telling me you're going to get a lawyer. 10 11 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Let Albukerk keep my file. THE COURT: You discharged him. He's not going 12 to keep them. 13 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Then my file should be 14 I don't need anything in my file right now. 15 My file is sealed if the next lawyer comes. 16 17 THE COURT: No. We're proceeding with the case. Your objection has been overruled. All right. 18 We're here for a date. Now, let's --19 DEFENDANT MELONGO: No, Judge, I have a motion. 20 THE COURT: Okay. 21 22 DEFENDANT MELONGO: I have a pending motion for stand by counsel. I want to argue it today. 23 24 THE COURT: You may proceed, then.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge, like Paragraph 1 of my motion actually ask for a stand by counsel. At this time, I'm actually going to consider that as mute because I've been thinking about it. What happened with my last presentation, I was hurt. I needed to actually heal from it. The last thing I need now is to hire a lawyer, give them a substantial amount of money, open doors to my family, open secrets to them, open my emotional heart for them, only to be back stabbed with lies, deception, double-mindedness and greed. I need time to heal from it.

The second reason right now I need a stand by counsel also which takes me to Paragraph 2 of my motion, which ask for house arrest.

Last but not least, three weeks ago, a judge made an opinion that the Illinois appeal law was unconstitutional. At this present time, I filed my own motion to dismiss having reviewed all those cases. The motion is already handwritten. I need time to perfect it, to do reserve, to type it and to file it.

Judge, I'm going to present my motion to dismiss the Illinois appeal law in this court.

If you have the courage to grant it, you're going to make the news the next date.

The second reason why I need house

arrest is on October 14th, which is like nine days from now, I would have spent in jail a year and a half. I been charged with a Class 4 felony, six counts run concurrently. So, by October 14th, even in the best case scenario for the State, if I'm getting found guilty for the two cases, the first one, I'm going to get probation. The second one, I'm going to -- I'm going to serve my time. In the present case, it's time with my time. I've already served my time.

The third reason why I also need house arrest, the State can testify to it. When I got arrested, I was in the process of renewing my immigration document. Then, that process you need like in person interviews and things have to be taken so that they make a background check on you to see if you have a background.

My current incarceration actually impedes on my immigration status. So, I need to renew that immigration -- my immigration document. I cannot do it being in jail.

Last, but not least, the fourth reason why I need house arrest is the Cook County Jail. The female division is over crowded. It's not something -- it's not something I saw on t.v. it's

actually something I'm witnessing. On a weekly basis, I'm taken to Kankakee which now is profiting from the overflow of the Cook County Jail. So, here I am being charged with two counts. The first count computer tampering, which has obtained a motion to dismiss, seven counts of perjury by the State's witness, prosecutorial misconduct and second charge is which the law has now -- the law has found unconstitutional.

Here I am, Judge. I'm not a criminal. For a year and a half, I have spent resources that should be spent on real criminals. I'm now asking you to grant me house arrest.

To close my argument today, Judge for everything under the sun, there's a time to mourn and there's a time to adjust. There's a time to cry and a time to smile. Judge, my time of crying and mourning is long over due at the Cook County Jail. Today, I'm asking you to give me house arrest so that I could follow my defense, and in the alternative, you could either give the lawyer my bond so that I could bond out or you could even give me I-bond. Thank you.

THE COURT: All right. If I were to give you house arrest, where would you stay?

DEFENDANT MELONGO: I would stay with my

friend. 1 THE COURT: The friend who's in court? 2 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Yes. 3 THE COURT: You have to give me more 4 information. How many people live there? Is it a single 5 family residence, is it an apartment, what is it? 6 MR. PODLASEK: Can we argue before you do that? 7 THE COURT: Absolutely. I have a couple of 8 questions of Ms. Melongo. 9 MR. ALBUKERK: Judge, west a 105th Street in 10 Oak Lawn. It's a condo, second floor. Ms. Hamilton says 11 she's living there alone. I actually know the property. 12 THE COURT: Okay. You've been there, 13 obviously? 14 MR. ALBUKERK: I have, actually. It's 15 actually -- it's owned by a former client of mine, Linda 16 Sheldon. 17 DEFENDANT MELONGO: With all due respect. 18 Albukerk, stop it. 19 THE COURT: She doesn't wish you to say 20 anything else, at this point. State, you could respond. 21 Thank you. 22 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, just in response 23 Ms. Melongo makes mention of the fact that she's been in 24

Cook County longer than she could have been sentenced for in this case. Her decision to remain in -- her decision to remain in Cook County is her own. All of the continuances have been by agreement or motion defendant. She has elected not to go to trial. This case could have been retried before Judge Brosnahan within a week or two after the jury trial was hung. I don't think that argument should be considered by the Court.

But, if the Court is considering house arrest, we would ask that it be -- she have limitations placed on her with access to the internet, given the damage she's done with the internet and the computer before.

We understand that she is going to need a computer to write her motions, but to get on the internet and begin again doing what she did in the first case and what we allege she did in the second case -- well, for us to bring a third case down the line if we're made aware of it, so we ask that somehow you create -- if you're going to give her house arrest, that she have no access to the internet.

THE COURT: I understand your position.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge, actually, as far as the litigation goes, each party chooses the tactic that

actually benefit him or her. If I made some -- I'm not going to make an -- it's not -- if the Illinois law is ever going to find -- I'm not going to rush to trial before waiting for a higher court to decide in months -- actually it's not even going to be a matter of months. Either the appeal or the federal Circuit Court or Illinois Supreme Court is going to make a decision on that. So, I'm not going to -- it would be so foolish on my part to rush to a trial before reaching a decision on each of those higher courts.

The second thing the State talks about is limitations; my access to the internet. Judge, go to the internet now, just type Annabel Melongo.

There's so much things talked about me on the internet.

I'm not the one -- I've been in jail for a year and a half. All that happened when I was in jail.

First the State cannot even -- I don't even think that the State can limit what I can get -- what I can do. I don't know why the State -- it's kind of a first amendment right. It's my right to be -- I need to re-document my case. Those document informations are on the internet. Those documents and information are in the law library. It's actually the State coming here and saying you have to see the -- give

the defendant her first amendment right, right to receive information.

THE COURT: All right. Ms. Melongo, let me tell you. If I were to give you -- reduce your bond or give you house arrest or give you electronic monitoring, with special conditions of bond, I'm going to consider -- that's something I can do in my lawful authority. I could limit the contact with the internet, with people and with other things as a condition of your bond. If I were to do that, you would have to agree to do that.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay.

THE COURT: Otherwise, I would not do it.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay.

THE COURT: And I'll tell you right now, I'll limit or order that you have no contact with the internet.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: No, Judge.

THE COURT: Think about this.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge, you could not do that, with all due respect, because even the information specifically the order that I showed you like with Judge, what's his name, Franklin from Crawford, Illinois, those informations that are relevant to my case on the internet.

There's no way I could get access to that information. This opinion was taken from the internet. So, limiting my access -- it was printed from the internet. There's no other way being on house arrest that I could have gotten -- I could have access to this document. So, limiting my access to the internet actually impedes --

THE COURT: Did you get it from Lexus.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: No, this is not from Lexus, this was posted on -- they have a Crawford judge. Everything on the federal court I would need to rely on. Looking at those cases are limiting my access to the internet right now, also impede on my defense because of the federal appeal that I'm awaiting.

Federal district court, all that information I need that's on the website. How I'm going to do it if I don't have access to those documents. They are extremely relevant to my case and defense.

THE COURT: All right. What I'm going to do,
I'm going to rule on your case and the motion you made on
the 13th, which is next Thursday. Does that give you
enough time to file your motion you have been holding up.

DEFENDANT MELONGO: I could not file it. I still need some time.

THE COURT: Can you file it by the 13th? 1 DEFENDANT MELONGO: How long I'm going to type 2 it -- I still need --3 THE COURT: You could file it handwritten. 4 DEFENDANT MELONGO: I don't want to do that. 5 I'm a perfectionist, Judge. I really need to do things 6 to perfection. I cannot do that. I could not file 7 unless if you get somebody to do it for me. I could file 8 it, but the person has to be picked. I really need some 9 research that I still need to make? I actually have 10 those cases. 11 I still need to read to have 12 perfection to this motion. So, I need to do that, and 13 then once I'm done with this research, I'm going to 14 perfect this motion to dismiss typed and filed. 15 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, her friend, Ms. Hamilton 16 is in court. Maybe she can type it if that's the way 17 Ms. Melongo wants it filed and give me a copy, the Court 18 a copy, and we will be done with it. 19 THE COURT: Well, that's the way she filed her 20 21 last motion. DEFENDANT MELONGO: I first need to research. 22 My motion to dismiss is ready to go, but I need to 23 24 perfect my research before I can ---

MR. PODLASEK: Judge, there's cases --1 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge, let me say --2 THE COURT: Hold on. 3 MR. PODLASEK: I'm just suggesting if there's 4 some way we can move this along. DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge, the State pressured 6 me how I have to move my case and stuff. If the State is 7 trying to charge me on something, the State also have to 8 let me -- give me time to prepare my defense. So, the 9 10 State cannot rush me on something --THE COURT: All right. If you don't want to do 11 that, I'll rule on your motion on the October 13th. 12 DEFENDANT MELONGO: And I really need to make 13 some research on my motion to dismiss. My motion to 14 dismiss is already ready to go, typed, filed and I'm 15 going to present it. 16 THE COURT: All right. October 13th. By 17 agreement. 18 MR. PODLASEK: By agreement. 19 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Thank you, Judge. 20 THE COURT: Is that by agreement, Ms. Melongo? 21 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Yes. 22 MR. PODLASEK: As to all cases? 23 24 THE COURT: Correct.

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DEFENDANT MELONGO: Judge, actually, I'm going 1 to -- maybe I don't know if I need to make a proper 2 motion for this. I'm indigent. I need the money to 3 actually order transcripts of my last trial. The 4 State -- the Cook County or the State of Cook County 5 would need to provide funds so that I could --6 THE COURT: Mr. Albukerk, did you order that in 7 preparation for trial? 8 MR. ALBUKERK: No. Judge. I never got that 9 I was informed that my services were no longer 10 needed a few days after the trial. So, I never ordered 11 the transcripts. 12 THE COURT: Okay. Prepare an order. I'll sign 13 it. 14 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Huh. 15 THE COURT: I'll give you free transcripts for 16 the 13th, not right now. Have it ready for the 13th. 17 DEFENDANT MELONGO: Can I have an order form, 18 please. 19 THE COURT: You could just write it on regular 20 21 paper. DEFENDANT MELONGO: Okay. 22 MR. ALBUKERK: My presence will no longer be 23 .24 necessary.

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DEFENDANT MELONGO: Yes. THE COURT: Thank you for your services. You're discharged. MR. PODLASEK: I would like to be discharged also. THE COURT: You have to stay. (Which were all the proceedings had on this day.) LL-25

EXHIBIT O

STATE OF U	LLINOIS) .) SS:
COUNTY OF	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY CRIMINAL DIVISION
PEOPLE OF T	THE STATE OF ILLINOIS) OCR -10502
	vs. No. 10CR-080902-
ANNABEL	K. MELONGO)
	ELECTRONIC MONITORING ORDER
	IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:
1.	Defendant shall be placed on the Cook County Sheriff's Electronic Monitoring Program.
2.	Defendant shall appear in Court on all scheduled Court dates.
3.	Defendant shall report to the Sheriff's Electronic Monitoring Unit as ordered.
4.	Defendant shall remain within the confines of his residence 24 hours per day unless prior permission for movement is granted by the Court of the Sheriff's Electronic Monitoring Unit.
5.	Any violation of orders of the Court or the rules and regulations of the Sheriff's Electronic Monitoring Program may result in the return of the defendant to the Cook County Jail.
6.	Defendant shall pay \$0- (fee waived) per day for the use of the electronic monitoring equipment.
7.	Defendant to allowed to travel to the Cook Country Law Library (5Hours wicheding travel) on Mondays 10 Apr 3pm.
8. i	JUDGE STEVEN J. GOTBEL-1954 DONGTHY BRITIND OF COOK COUNTY, IL DEPUTY GERIL.

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Sheriff's Women's Justice Programs STATUS REPORT OF TREATMENT PROGRESSION

To: Honorable Judge Goebel	Client Name: Annabel N	Melongo (CCDOC Number: 2010-0414060	
Court Date: 11/10/2011	Custody Date: 04/14/20	10 I	D.O.B: /1972	
Current Program: Sheriff Fer	nale Furlough Program	Residential Prog	ram - Division 17	
		A.M.S.		
Admission Date To Program: 10	/20/2011	Discharge Date:	Pending	
Number of Days In Treatment: 2	22 days			
Urine Screen: # Positive- 0 If positive what drug:	#Negative- Da	te of last urine scr	reen: 10/20/2011 □pos. ⊠neg.	
Primary Diagnosis:		Secondar	y Diagnosis:	
Recommendations:				
integrated model of treatment that	empowers them to use he of addiction through gre	ealthy coping skills oup and individual	women with a gender responsive for on-going recovery. The women treatment services that are trauma inal thinking.	
Ms. Melongo was admitted to the Sheriff Female Furlough Program on 10/20/11 and has completed 22 days in our program. She has been an active participant and appears to be responding well to treatment offered to her. Currently, she is participating in the following groups: Stress Management, Maladaptive Thinking, Community Re-Entry, Self-Esteem, Prostitution Anonymous, Coping Skills, Women's Health, Domestic Violence, 12-Steps, Life Skills, Women and Relationships, Yoga, and Expressive Therapy. Ms. Melongo stated she is currently looking for employment opportunities.				
The clinical team recommends that upon discharge, Ms. Melongo continue to participate in outpatient treatment in the community, as well as seek out additional community support. She will continue to be eligible for aftercare services at our Empowerment Center.				
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Additional questions-please contact Tange Porter Court Liaison: Phone: (773) 674-2719 Fax: (773) 674-5252				
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PERMISSION FOR MOVEMENT

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PERSON TO CONTACT:	
PHONE NUMBER FOR VERIFICATION OF MOVEMENT:	•
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CALL SWJP AT 877-326-9198 (FAX: 7	773-674-3962)
1 Annabel Melango	authorize the Sheriff's
Women's Justice Program to verify the above appointment(s) and to follow up	with the provider. This
consent is given for as long as I am in the program. Staff may discuss any infor	mation necessary for me
to be successful in the treatment process.	
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STAFF SIGNATURE ENTERING MOVEMENT IN SYSTEM:	DATE:
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2	COUNTY OF C O O K)			
3	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CRIMINAL DIVISION			
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5	THE PEOPLE OF THE) STATE OF ILLINOIS)			
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7	VS) Indictment No. 10 08092			
8) Charge: Eavesdropping Without) Consent			
9	ANNABEL MELONGO)			
10	REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS			
11	BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 10th day of November			
12	A.D., 2011, this cause came on for hearing before the			
13	Honorable STEVEN J. GOEBEL, Judge of said court.			
14	APPEARANCES:			
15	HON. ANITA M. ALVAREZ,			
16	State's Attorney of Cook County, by: MR. ROBERT PODLASEK,			
17	Assistant State's Attorney, appeared on behalf of the People;			
18	MS. ANNABEL MELONGO,			
19	appeared pro se.			
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23	Brenda D. Hayes, CSR, 084-001226			
24	Official Court Reporter 2650 S. California Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60608			
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1 THE CLERK: Annabel Melongo. 2 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, for the record 3 Robert Podlasek, spelled P-o-d-l-a-s-e-k, on behalf of 4 the State. 5 MS. MELONGO: Annabel Melongo, pro se. 6 THE COURT: She's pro se, she's representing 7 herself. 8 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, this morning we filed a Motion To Revoke Bond And Electronic Monitoring. 9 10 handing a copy to Miss Melongo. 11 THE COURT: All right. I'm going to give Miss Melongo an opportunity to review that, as well as 12 13 myself. We'll pass the case defendant. 14 THE DEFENDANT: Okay. Judge, I also have 15 actually filed my motion to dismiss the case so we have an issue, we don't have like a heavy-duty stapler in the 16 17 entire building so I will need -- if you can give me an 18 emergency so that I can staple this thing. Nowhere in 19 the law library --20 THE COURT: We can find one. If you want to 21 file it, that's fine. I see you have do have a metal 22 clip on it. 23 THE DEFENDANT: You want it stapled. I want to staple it. 24

1 Well, I'm telling you you can file THE COURT: 2 it that way. Okay? So if you want to file it you can 3 hand it up to me right now. Do you wish to file it? 4 THE DEFENDANT: I would like --5 THE COURT: You're not going to file it. it for the motion to revoke your electronic monitoring. 6 7 Have a seat and review it. 8 THE DEFENDANT: Okav. 9 (Other cases were called 10 and heard.) 11 THE CLERK: Annabel Melongo. 12 THE COURT: All right. Both sides are present. 13 THE DEFENDANT: Okay, Judge, like I say I received this motion actually less than an hour ago so I 14 would need time to respond to it because everything 15 16 stated is kind of false. I have the documents and I need 17 to answer to the motion and attach those documents. 18 Yesterday I actually received this letter 19 from the EM program, it was addressed to me. It say I'm 20 in good standing, there's no violation. So they say I 21 violated the EM program and I need the document to attach 22 to this. This is the letter, they asked me to give it to 23 you. 24 THE COURT: Well, they're saying you violated PP-3

not because of anything specific to the monitor, they're saying you took a file from your former attorney.

THE DEFENDANT: Judge, I cannot argue the motion now. I really need to -- because I need to order the hearing because Mr. Albukerk is accusing me of stealing a file that belonged to me so I have to order the transcript of the court hearing and attach it to my motion replying to this motion. I really need two weeks to reply to this motion.

THE COURT: All right. Well, the issues seem to me to be something can you address now. They are simple issues and you can address them and we're going to have a hearing today.

THE DEFENDANT: Okay. You said the question is not unauthorized movement, right?

THE COURT: Well, what's alleged in the petition is that you took a file from Mr. Albukerk's office and it was outside of my order is what's alleged.

THE DEFENDANT: I have an e-mail exchange with Mr. Albukerk on the file and the I have also a document allowing me to go to Albukerk's place from the EM, I have that document too. And I don't -- This one took me by surprise. I don't have those documents with me and that's why I need to reply to the motion and attach those

documents with me.

THE COURT: All right. Mr. Podlasek.

MR. PODLASEK: I talked to Officer Clark at Women's Monitoring this morning, about a half hour ago. She indicated after looking at Miss Melongo's file that she does not have any orders in there allowing her to travel anywhere except your order of October 13th.

THE DEFENDANT: That's not true, Judge. That's not true. This is a document I received yesterday saying that I'm in good standing. If they had an unauthorized thing that I do it would have been there. It was signed yesterday around 2:00 o'clock and the incident that's addressing happened Monday.

MR. PODLASEK: Between 3:30 and 4:30 I'm told, Judge, at 1450 West Randolph, which as you know is not the Daley Center, not the law library.

THE DEFENDANT: And that's why I say I have the document allowing me to go to Nick Albukerk's place, I have that document. The order, the EM order, say I have to follow your condition and I also have to follow their condition so if they granted movement I have to, those are movements they grant to me, that's what the EM order say.

THE COURT: And you have -- What is it, an

e-mail or what do you have?

THE DEFENDANT: To refute this e-mail, Albukerk is accusing me of taking a file, stealing a file from him and I have the e-mail exchange where he actually lured me go to his office because I told him, come, let's meet at the Daley Center. He said he didn't have time, I have to go to his office and I have that e-mail and I also have the document, the EM letting me -- giving me permission to go to Albukerk's place and I also have proof to show that the file that he's actually accusing me of stealing, you cannot accuse somebody of stealing something that belong to them and I didn't even steal it. Actually the file has a note saying copy file, give to Annabel Melongo. I have that note and it's in my house. I'm going to attach everything to the exhibit.

THE COURT: Is Mr. Albukerk here today?

MR. PODLASEK: He's not.

THE COURT: I'll tender that document to the State as well so the State can make a copy of it and tender the original back to Miss Melongo.

THE DEFENDANT: So I will need two weeks because I'm going to go --

THE COURT: No. I'm going to give you until Monday.

1	THE DEFENDANT: Until Monday?
2	THE COURT: Yes.
3	THE DEFENDANT: I need to order the transcript
4	because Albukerk says the file belongs to him and we can
5	only have evidence what happened during the court hearing
6	that the file belonged to me and has to be given to me so
7	I need to order that transcript.
8	THE COURT: The transcript has nothing to do
9	with the hearing.
10	THE DEFENDANT: Okay. That's fine.
11	THE COURT: November 14th, Monday.
12	THE DEFENDANT: Okay. Come Monday?
13	THE COURT: This Monday. By agreement,
14	November 14th. We're going to have a hearing on that
15	date. Bring all your documents.
16	THE DEFENDANT: Okay. I'll do that.
17	THE COURT: Here's your original report.
18	THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, Judge.
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20	(The above-entitled matter
21	was continued to
22	November 14, 2011.)
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1 STATE OF ILLINOIS) SS: COUNTY OF C O O K \ 2 3 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY 4 COUNTY DEPARTMENT-CRIMINAL DIVISION 5 6 I, BRENDA D. HAYES, Official Court Reporter for the Circuit Court of Cook County, Cook Judicial Circuit 7 of Illinois, do hereby certify that I reported 8 9 stenographically the proceedings had on the hearing in 10 the above entitled cause; that I thereafter transcribed 11 said hearing into typewriting, which I hereby certify to 12 be a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings had 13 before the Honorable STEVEN J. GOEBEL, Judge of said 14 court. 15 16 17 18 19 20 OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER 21 22 23 24 PP-8

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1	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COOK JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
2	COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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4	THE PEOPLE OF THE)
5	STATE OF ILLINOIS)
6	vs.) NO. 10 CR 0809201)
7	ANNABEL MELONGO,)
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9	REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS of the hearing
10	before HON. STEVEN GOEBEL on the 14th day of
11	November 2011.
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13	APPEARANCES:
14	HON. ANITA ALVAREZ,
15	State's Attorney of Cook County, by MR. ROBERT PODLASEK
16	Assistant State's Attorney, appeared for the People;
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18	MS. ANNABEL MELONGO, defendant,
19	appeared pro se.
20	DIONE R. RAGIN
21	2650 S. California Ave., 4C02 Chicago IL 60608
22	Official Court Reporter C.S.R. #084-004066
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1 THE COURT: Annabel Melongo 2 THE COURT: All right. Good afternoon, Ms. Melongo 3 4 THE DEFENDANT: Good afternoon, judge. THE COURT: Mr. Podlasek, your name for 5 6 the record. 7 MR. PODLASEK: For the record Robert 8 Podlasek, P-o-d-l-a-s-e-k, on behalf of the state. 9 THE COURT: All right. 10 The case is here on the state's motion to 11 revoke bond and electronic monitoring. 12 Ms. Melongo, you were taken into custody 13 since the last court date. 14 MS. MELONGO: Yes. 15 Actually can I address it while I argue my 16 motion because Mr. Podlasek did something unethical 17 after the hearing. 18 And when I go through to my argument I am 19 going to talk about it. 20 THE COURT: All right. 21 Are both sides ready to proceed on the 22 motion? 23 MR. PODLASEK: Which motion? 24 THE COURT: The motion to revoke bond and

- 1 electronic monitoring.
- MS. MELONGO: Judge, my friend has all my
- 3 exhibits and I need those for my argument.
- 4 THE COURT: All right.
- 5 MS. MELONGO: And we also need some ten
- 6 minutes so I can put everything together.
- 7 THE COURT: Ms. Hamilton, you can step up.
- Please hand it to State's Attorney.
- Please, hand to the sheriff so he can make
- 10 sure.
- 11 THE DEPUTY: These metal clips need to be
- 12 taken out.
- MS. MELONGO: Can those -- those are my
- 14 motion to dismiss.
- 15 I filed my motion.
- 16 THE COURT: I did see you had filed your
- 17 motion to declare the statute unconstitutional and
- 18 to dismiss.
- 19 MS. MELONGO: For the record, judge, I am
- 20 giving a copy to Mr. Podlasek.
- MR. PODLASEK: Acknowledge receipt, judge.
- MS. MELONGO: Do you need a copy? I think
- 23 a copy is in the file.
- 24 THE COURT: Apparently you filed it

already or Ms. Hamilton filed it on your behalf. 1 2 MS. MELONGO: It was filed today. 3 THE COURT: Apparently the sheriff is going to take those metal clamps out of the 4 5 documents and then he will hand those to you. 6 MS. MELONGO: This one you can hand that 7 back those. 8 I just need ten minutes to prepared my 9 argument and I will be back. 10 THE COURT: You need ten minutes. 11 All right. 12 We'll pass for ten minutes. 13 MS. MELONGO: I need a pen too please. 14 THE COURT: Do you have a pen back there 15 for her. THE DEPUTY: I will see if I can find a 16 17 pen. THE COURT: 18 We'll find a pen for you. 19 (The matter was passed and recalled.) Annabel Melongo. 20 THE CLERK: 21 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Melongo is back before the court 22 23 again. 24 Before we begin this motion, I have read

- 1 through obviously the allegations on file.
- 2 Ms. Melongo I am going to ask you
- 3 basically a question and I am not assuming you have
- 4 the file because I haven't heard the evidence.
- 5 But if you have the file and you agree to
- 6 return it, I will let you back out again on EHM.
- 7 MS. MELONGO: Okay.
- 8 THE COURT: All right.
- 9 MS. MELONGO: Yes.
- 10 THE COURT: Do you understand?
- 11 MS. MELONGO: Yes.
- 12 THE COURT: Will you return the file then?
- MS. MELONGO: Yes.
- 14 THE COURT: All right.
- 15 MR. PODLASEK: State has no objection.
- 16 THE COURT: All right.
- 17 The 17th.
- 18 MS. MELONGO: You wouldn't argue the
- 19 motion.
- THE COURT: There is no need to argue the
- 21 motion.
- I am going to let you back out if you
- 23 bring the file.
- 24 So the motion has become moot.

- 1 MS. MELONGO: Yes, but then I have two
- 2 issues to address.
- THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 4 MS. MELONGO: First Mr. Albukerk is
- 5 claiming the file is his.
- I am claiming the file is mine because Mr.
- 7 Albukerk was fully paid his \$10,000 legal fee.
- 8 THE COURT: This is what we are going to
- 9 do.
- 10 You are going to file bring the file in on
- 11 the 17th.
- 12 You can make an argument at that time.
- 13 State will have Mr. Albukerk here.
- I am going to ask the state to notify Mr.
- 15 Albukerk to be here on the 17th.
- And I will determine what if anything you
- 17 get from that file.
- MS. MELONGO: Thank you.
- 19 THE COURT: Okay.
- 20 All right.
- 21 What's your second issue?
- MS. MELONGO: The second issue you is what
- 23 Mr. Podlasek did on last Thursday.
- 24 THE COURT: Well, what he did or didn't

- 1 do, I am not going to hear at this time because the
- 2 issue at this point is moot if you are going to
- 3 bring back the file.
- 4 Okay.
- 5 Then you have to address it another way.
- 6 Okay.
- 7 MS. MELONGO: Can somebody fax the new
- 8 order to the EM so that everything speed up.
- 9 Now that I have been actually they never
- 10 received EM orders.
- 11 The division just called them and that's
- 12 why everything is so slow.
- 13 But if somebody fax them the EM order
- 14 today, tomorrow, or day after so that I don't need
- 15 to wait like a week or so like we did the last
- 16 time.
- 17 THE COURT: All right.
- 18 I am going to ask you --
- 19 Do we have the blank order form.
- MS. MELONGO: I have the fax number here.
- 21 THE COURT: All right.
- You are going to have to prepare your own
- order form and show it to the State's Attorney.
- 24 MS. MELONGO: I have the old order.

THE COURT: And then it will have to be 1 2 sent over placing you back on electronic home 3 monitoring. You can have an order placing yourself 4 back on electronic home monitoring. 5 6 MS. MELONGO: This is an old order. THE COURT: That's the original order. 7 Well, I need an order now stating that I 8 am placing you back on electronic home monitoring 9 representing yourself so you have to write the 10 11 order. 12 MS. MELONGO: Can I have this original. 13 THE COURT: That will be attached. 14 That original order will be attached. Put in your order that the original order 15 is attached and those are the conditions that are 16 17 still in place. 18 Okay. 19 MS. MELONGO: Okay. THE COURT: Please let Ms. Melongo have a 20 pen and an order form so she can draft an order. 21 17th. 22 November 17th by agreement. 23 24 Replaced on EM.

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6	I, DIONE R. RAGIN, Official Court Reporter of
7	the Circuit Court of Cook County, do hereby certify
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9	above-entitled cause, that I thereafter caused the
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EXHIBIT V

STATE	OF	ILLINOIS)	
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COUNTY	OF	COOK)		

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CRIMINAL DIVISION

PEOPLE	OF	THE	STATE	OF	ILLINOIS)	
)	08CR-1050201
	VS)	10CR-809201
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ELECTRONIC MONITORING ORDER

- Defendant shall be placed on the Cook County Sheriff's Electronic Monitoring Program.
- Defendant shall be on Non-Reporting Status and shall not leave her home except on Mondays between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of travelling to and from the Cook County Law Library located in the Daley Center.
- Defendant shall appear in Court on all scheduled Court Dates.
- Defendant shall report to the Sheriff's Electronic Monitoring Unit as ordered.
- Defendant shall remain within the confines of her 5. residence 24 hours per day unless prior permission for movement is granted by the Court or the Sheriff's Electronic Monitoring Unit.
- Any violations of the Sheriff's Electronic Monitoring Program may result in the return of the defendant to the Cook County Jail.
- 7. Defendant shall pay \$-0-(fee waived) per day for the use of the electronic monitoring equipment.
- This order specifically applies to both of Defendant's 8. active cases 10CR-809201 and 08CR-1050201.

Date Entered: November 21 2011

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JUDGE

DOROTHY BROWN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF COOK COUNTY, IL
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          IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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              COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CRIMINAL DIVISION
     THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE
     OF ILLINOIS
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               Plaintiff,
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            VS.
                                     No. 10 CR 08092
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    ANNABEL MELONGO,
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         Defendant.
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              REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS had at the
    hearing in the above entitled cause before the
    HONORABLE STEVEN GOEBEL, Judge of said Court, on
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    the 30th day of November, 2011.
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    PRESENT:
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         HONORABLE ANITA M. ALVAREZ ,
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          STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY, by:
         UNIDENTIFIED
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         ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY
              appeared on behalf of the People;
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         ABISHI C. CUNNINGHAM, JR.
         PUBLIC DEFENDER of Cook County, by:
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         UNIDENTIFIED
         ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER,
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              appeared on behalf of the Defendant.
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   MICHELLE M. PIZZOFERRATO
    OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER
24 License No. 084-001963
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- 1 THE CLERK: Annabel Melongo.
- 2 THE COURT: I don't know if the State updated
- 3 the information. I am not sure the State knows
- 4 which room to go to.
- 5 Annabel Melongo's case was here today.
- 6 Ms. Melongo just got back out of custody from a
- 7 violation. I said if she brought the file back in
- 8 today we would not proceed on the violation. Do you
- 9 have the file?
- 10 THE CLERK: Yes.
- 11 THE COURT: I will not look at it I will keep it
- 12 sealed. And I will have Mr. Albukirk notified. Also
- 13 for the record something was forwarded to me from
- 14 the Sheriff's Department that is part of Ms.
- 15 Melongo's personal file and I will give that to her.
- 16 And it was taken when she was violated on the .
- 17 THE DEFENDANT: If you can make a copy and give
- 18 it back to me.
- 19 THE COURT: I will have Mr. Albukirk here and we
- 20 will deal with it.
- 21 THE DEFENDANT: I have a couple of motions. I
- 22 made an amended motion to dismiss because we -- I
- 23 filed it the first time I was in jail so some parts
- 24 were duplicated and it was some typed, everything

- 1 nice and clean.
- 2 THE COURT: Have you filed it yet?
- 3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
- 4 THE CLERK: She just filed it and put it in my
- 5 bin.
- 6 THE DEFENDANT: There is nobody here to pick up
- 7 the file.
- 8 THE COURT: You can leave it with the Clerk.
- 9 THE DEFENDANT: The motion to dismiss the charge
- 10 for the record.
- 11 THE COURT: And did you file that upstairs as
- 12 well?
- 13 THE DEFENDANT: And I have a motion memorandum
- 14 why I got arrested.
- 15 THE COURT: In the future when you have
- 16 something file it in front of me in the court room.
- 17 Give those to the Clerk and those will be State's
- 18 copies.
- 19 THE DEFENDANT: There is a motion to request
- 20 this one I asked to be heard this coming Wednesday.
- 21 THE COURT: So you want to go on this coming
- 22 Wednesday?
- THE DEFENDANT: I want to come here and ask for
- 24 the hearing.

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THE COURT: We will hold it over until Wednesday
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     and that will be December 7th by agreement.
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         THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
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         STATE'S ATTORNEY: Yes.
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         THE DEFENDANT: And Judge, thank you for putting
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              I, Michelle M. Pizzoferrato, Official Court
    Reporter of the Circuit Court of Cook County,
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    Criminal Division- Third Municipal District, do
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    hereby certify that I transcribed the foregoing
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    Report of Proceedings from the notes of G.Clark,
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     a Certified Shorthand Reporter, and that the
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    foregoing is a true and correct transcript of said
    Report of Proceedings as appears from the stenotype
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    notes had before the Honorable Steven Goebel,
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    Judge of said court.
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EXHIBIT X

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STATE OF ILLINOIS )
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            IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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     THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE
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     OF ILLINOIS
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                                      No. 10-CR-08092-01
          vs.
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      ANNABEL MELONGO
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                   REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the
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      hearing in the above-entitled cause before
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      the HONORABLE STEVEN J. GOEBEL, Judge of said court,
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      on the 7th day of December 2011.
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         PRESENT:
         HONORABLE ANITA M. ALVAREZ,
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         STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY, by:
         MR. ROBERT PODLASEK,
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         ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY,
              appeared on behalf of the People;
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         The Defendant Annabel Melongo appeared pro se.
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      Annette M. Golab
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      Official Court Reporter
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24	Mr. Albukerk's files that I will turn over to								
23	MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I have two files here from								
22	can pass this.								
21	THE COURT: You can look at the Court's copy. We								
20	MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I haven't seen the motion.								
19	THE DEFENDANT: I gave it to her.								
18	Do you have extra copies?								
17	MR. PODLASEK: I don't have a motion for movement.								
16	THE COURT: What is your motion to request movement?								
15	request movement.								
14	to dismiss, a motion to sever charges and a motion to								
13	THE DEFENDANT: Last time I filed an amended motion								
12	time. Do you want to relate what you filed?								
11	information line. Miss Melongo filed some motions last								
10	THE COURT: I don't think they put it on the								
9	call back. We never located you.								
8	MR. PODLASEK: I was in court. I was waiting for a								
7	believe you made it to court.								
6	THE COURT: Last time up, Mr. Podlasek, I don't								
5	THE DEFENDANT: Defendant Annabel Melongo, pro se.								
4	Robert Podlasek, P-o-d-l-a-s-e-k, on behalf of the State.								
3	MR. PODLASEK: Good morning, Judge. For the record								
2	call.								
1	THE CLERK: Annabel Melongo, Sheet 1, Judge Goebel's								

Miss Melongo. I am still going through the rest of them.

THE DEFENDANT: Okay.

THE COURT: From who?

MR. PODLASEK: From Mr. Albukerk's file. You asked me to go through the file and redact.

THE COURT: Okay, the discovery, because I had Mr. Albukerk's file that was the subject of the prior motion, so to speak, to terminate her electronic home monitoring. I have that, but I don't see Mr. Albukerk here.

MR. PODLASEK: This is Mr. Albukerk's.

THE COURT: You are tendering discovery today?

MR. PODLASEK: I am tendering back Mr. Albukerk's file in part.

THE COURT: With it redacted?

MR. PODLASEK: No, there is nothing redacted on these. Nothing needs to be redacted.

THE DEFENDANT: Judge, I want to make a small observation. Actually, it was October 13th when Mr. Podlasek requested to have the file and then he requested for five weeks. Today is December 7th, and it is almost seven weeks. Actually, Mr. Podlasek should be done with all of the redaction. So I don't know why it takes so long, and I need my file now. It really takes

really long. I don't think everything that is in the file, I don't think everything need to be redacted because I went through the subpoenas maybe like six subpoenas, and I don't know why it should take so long to recact all those. I need the CD for the website, the discovery, the motion filed by Mr. Albukerk. I have none of those stuff, and these things don't need redaction.

THE COURT: What about those items?

MR. PODLASEK: I haven't gone through the rest of the file. We had it copied by our copy center. I believe I represented to the Court I was told it would take approximately six weeks to copy everything. We have one individual copying for the entire office at this point.

THE COURT: What about the CDs?

 $\mbox{MR. PODLASEK: }\mbox{I haven't looked at the CDs yet. }\mbox{I}$ don't know what is on them.

THE DEFENDANT: Judge --

THE COURT: I thought those were items you tendered in discovery?

MR. PODLASEK: I don't know if they are or not, to be honest. They don't look like my writing. They may have been my predecessor. She is no longer in the office.

THE COURT: Just tender those back. I am sure there is nothing that is private.

MR. PODLASEK: They probably aren't. Before I tender it I would like to verify it and if there is anything I would bring it to the Court's attention.

THE COURT: I understand the delay with your copying department. However, the CDs I want tendered back to her.

MR. PODLASEK: Fine.

THE COURT: I will pass this case so you can look through the files for motions. Apparently, Miss Melongo did not actually file them with the Court. She went up and filed them in the Clerk's Office on the Fifth Floor. Miss Melongo, did you leave copies for the State?

THE DEFENDANT: I did leave copies.

THE CLERK: They are in the file, Judge.

THE COURT: Give those copies to the State's

Attorney and we will pass this case and recall it. You

can have a seat, Miss Melongo.

THE DEFENDANT: I will make an observation. Also, the motion filed by Mr. Albukerk, we don't need any kind of redaction, the motion filed by Mr. Albukerk on my behalf. I don't know why Mr. Podlasek needs to redact those motions. I also need all those motions.

THE COURT: You will get those. They are part of the criminal discovery in the case, and you will get all of those.

(Whereupon, the case was passed.)

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THE CLERK: Annabel Melongo, Sheet 1.

MR. PODLASEK: I had a chance to review the motions. The motion to sever, I don't think the charges were joined. They are two separate cases. I am not quite sure I understand the motion to sever the charges.

THE COURT: What Mr. Podlasek is saying they are not seeking to join these charges. These cases will be tried individually. You already had a trial where the jury was hung and the charges were not joined. And there is no motion in front of me to join the charges.

So the motion to sever is moot at this point, the State having no intention of joining these charges or asking to join them.

THE DEFENDANT: Can I explain my motion for the charges why I did that motion, because this is for the computer tampering and this is for the eavesdropping.

They are actually running concurrent. They are the same trial. It is like every time I come here two days.

THE COURT: They are both up, but the elected case

is the eavesdropping case. The State elected on that case. But every time you appear both cases are up.

Therefore, they are getting dates at the same time.

THE DEFENDANT: Okay.

THE COURT: You are showing me a computer printout of the Clerk's computer system. Both cases are up. That doesn't mean they are joined, but they have to be up. They can't just fall by the wayside. So both cases are up. We are dealing with both cases every time the case is up. However, the elected case is the eavesdropping case.

THE DEFENDANT: One final observation. There are also some entries in the documents that are not correct. This is like a motion filed by Mr. Albukerk. Actually, that date Judge Brosnahan also granted this motion. If you remember I was telling you every time that Albukerk motion to withdraw was a long time granted. This was in none of those dockets. Actually, you don't even see this motion. This motion is showed on June 16th, which is completely not what actually happened. Albukerk filed this motion and it was granted by Judge Brosnahan, and none of those documents have that. So I don't know.

THE COURT: What is it, a motion to withdraw?

THE DEFENDANT: This is the motion, Judge, and those

are the court file. None of that is in there.

THE COURT: It is a matter of record. It is in the court file, and his motion to withdraw is both on record and in the court file. So what are you trying to say?

THE DEFENDANT: I actually want to correct it.

THE COURT: Mr. Albukerk is not in the case any more. So the motion to withdraw was never ruled on officially because you opted to go pro se. Once you went pro se you are allowed to do that. I properly admonished you, and you are now pro se. So the motion to withdraw has no relevance. Next?

MR. PODLASEK: There is a memorandum entitled why the defendant was temporarily incarcerated and released. It is not seeking any kind of relief. It is just nothing but unsubstantiated facts rambling on through this, including accusations against both Mr. Albukerk and myself.

At this point I am going to be asking my office to remove me from this case and assign another Assistant State's Attorney based on what I consider some very serious accusations in here. And the only reason I can see, for the record, that this was filed is so it can be made part of a public record, period. There is no other basis for filing this.

THE DEFENDANT: Judge, actually, that is a memorandum, and that's exactly, I wanted it to be part of the public record because Mr. Podlasek sent me two weeks in jail for no reason whatsoever. He never checked the e-mail that was retrieved. He never checked the authorization.

THE COURT: Stop. We are not going to get into all that. I decided on my own that after reviewing the State's petition that if you returned the file, which you agreed to do, that I would then readmit you to electronic home monitoring. So those issues are no longer before me. I am not concerned with those issues. I looked simply at the State's petition, determined on my own if you return the files to Mr. Albukerk, which you did tender to me the last court date, and Mr. Albukerk is not here so I have not returned it to Mr. Albukerk yet and I have not looked at it, that I would let you out on electronic home monitoring. Those issues are not before me, and we are not going to get into those issues at the present time. Next motion?

MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I need time to send this down to our Appellate Division. They may want to respond to the motion to declare the statute unconstitutional and to dismiss.

THE COURT: You are seeking some assistance from your Appellate Division?

MR. PODLASEK: I am. I don't know what their schedule is like down there. So it may take a bit of time.

THE DEFENDANT: I am kind of confused. What is he seeking from the Appellate Division? He has to respond to it or the State's Attorneys. I don't know what he has to go to the Appellate Court.

THE COURT: That's up to him, and I will allow him to do that, Miss Melongo. I will not let him take a long long time either.

MR. PODLASEK: We are not asking for a long time. We are asking for a 30-day date. In the meantime, I will finish up redacting the file, and Miss Melongo can come down to my office and it will be available for her to pick up from the receptionist.

THE COURT: And your final motion was what, a motion to travel?

MR. PODLASEK: I don't have that one.

THE DEFENDANT: You can have this one. A motion to request movement like, Judge, like you only gave me one movement that is on Monday to go to the law library. I have some other issues. I have some medical issues.

Like I was incarcerated and they have like Cermak Health Service like a hospital. But once you are out of the jail you have to go back to Stroger and be admitted so that they can forward all your medical issues to Stroger. So now when I got out I had some lab tests. Remember like I had a surgery. I have to do follow-up and do tests. So I had some lab tests and CT scans I had to do. So I cannot go to Cermak any more. So I have to go to Stroger and get admitted and go to all those appointments.

Then there are also a lot of issues like one of the reasons I get EM is to go on with my litigation issue. Also, things like simple like grocery shopping or buying stuff. I cannot to those things, and I am not going to ask the lady with whom I am living to do those things for me because she has her own life and she has been graceful to come here when I was in jail. Now that I am out I want to relieve her with that stuff. What I am asking, Judge, is give me one day of movement per week so I can put everything I have to do, I can just put it on that day and then do my appointment and stuff so that I won't come here every time to ask for a single movement or something like that. Because I really need movement to do my own stuff. Like I said, if you can just give me

like every Friday this is your movement date to go to immigration, go to Stroger, to do your shopping, all that kind of stuff. That's the only thing I am asking.

THE COURT: What is your position?

MR. PODLASEK: The State would object. The entire point of her being on EM is basically she has to be under house arrest. You were nice enough to give her movement to the Cook County Law Library so she can represent herself. The Sheriff's Office also has the authority to allow her to make outside movements at her request if there is a necessity such as medical needs. She can make the request directly to them.

Frankly, if there is another order there is going to be a lot of confusion down at the Sheriff's Office.

THE COURT: If she needs medical or doctor treatment I will allow that. I will not give Miss Melongo every Friday. As I explained to you when I put you on electronic home monitoring that I wasn't going to give you additional time to go shopping. That wasn't the purpose of me putting you on electronic home monitoring. Not to be rude, I don't care if you have time to shop or not. But Miss Hamilton, who was with you at the time I put you on electronic home monitoring, basically agreed

she would do those things for you. It doesn't matter to me whether or not you want her to do it or not. What I will give you is time to do medical appointments. So any doctors' appointments, medical appointments and to a very limited extent any immigration issues that you need to deal with, I will allow you to do that as well. So an order would need to be prepared allowing you to go to doctors' appointments and medical appointments that can be verified by the Sheriff's Department as well as immigration appointments that can be verified.

There are two ways. They can either monitor it or you can come in when you know you have these appointments and have an order prepared and Mr. Podlasek would review it and I would review it and then sign it. Those are the only ways that would happen. It can be Sheriff monitored or done on a weekly basis or semi-weekly basis where you come into court and I will say yes or no.

THE DEFENDANT: EM order, actually Mr. Podlasek never gave me the new EM order. He went behind my back. I just heard that you have a new order. So I don't know what is the new order.

THE COURT: So the record is clear, the order you prepared was totally inappropriate and I had to tear it

up because you added things I told you not to add, and it was put in the garbage can. Quite frankly, the fact that you are out is because I then requested Mr. Podlasek to prepare an accurate order, which he then did for the Court, because I wanted — it was my order that you be gotten out of jail and placed or readmitted onto electronic home monitoring. So Mr. Podlasek actually complied with my order, and actually that's the reason you are out because he prepared an accurate order. Whereas your order was completely inaccurate and was torn up. Don't be blaming Mr. Podlasek for anything related to that. Next?

THE DEFENDANT: Can I have a copy of the EM order, please?

MR. PODLASEK: I will see if I have a copy here. I know there is a copy in the court file. If I can find a copy somewhere, I will tender it.

THE COURT: So we will give this case a 30-day date. If you prepare an accurate order this time stating very simply that Annabel Melongo will be allowed to go to doctor and medical appointments verified by the Cook County Sheriff's Police Electronic Home Monitoring Division and immigration matters. Prepare that order very succinctly. Don't add anything else. I will sign

1 that order. 2 THE DEFENDANT: You want me to bring it within 30 days or can I bring it next week because I need movement 3 now? 4 THE COURT: You can do it now. We will pass your 5 case and you prepare it now. 6 THE DEFENDANT: Meanwhile, if you can give me a copy 7 of the EM order, that would be nice. Can I have an 8 order? 9 10 THE COURT: Pass the case. 11 (Whereupon, the case was passed.) 12 * * * * * 13 THE COURT: Annabel Melongo. 14 THE DEFENDANT: Judge, at this time I tender the 15 order. MR. PODLASEK: I will tender a copy of the 16 electronic home monitoring order dated November 21, 2011. 17 Also I tender a copy for the court file. 18 19 THE COURT: What does this say, granted movement? 20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 21 THE COURT: Have you reviewed this yet, State? 22 MR. PODLASEK: No. 23 THE COURT: The State has no objection? 24 MR. PODLASEK: No objection. W_{-15}

1 THE COURT: I will sign this. Please stamp it and make sure Miss Melongo and the State get a copy. We are 2 going to continue this matter for approximately 30 days 3 for the State to complete their discovery. 4 5 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I would suggest the 9th or 6 11th of January. 7 THE COURT: How does that work for you, Miss Melongo? 8 9 THE DEFENDANT: We cannot do the 9th because that's 10 when I go to the law library. THE COURT: The 9th or 11th? 11 MR. PODLASEK: The 11th is fine, Judge. 12 13 agreement. 14 THE COURT: January 11th by agreement all matters as 15 it always has been. 16 THE DEFENDANT: Judge, Mr. Podlasek is going to be 17 removed from the case because of the memorandum? 18 THE COURT: No, he is not going to be removed from the case. 19 20 MR. PODLASEK: I am going to ask my boss. 21 THE DEFENDANT: If I can file memorandum for him to 22 be removed from the case, I will file it. THE COURT: I understand, Miss Melongo. 23 24 January 11th by agreement.

Judge, the CDs. THE DEFENDANT: THE COURT: They will be tendered January 11th. (whereupon, the above-entitled cause was continued to January 11, 2012.)

1 STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF C O O K) 2 3 4 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CRIMINAL DIVISION 5 6 I, Annette M. Golab, an Official Court 7 Reporter for the Circuit Court of Cook County, Criminal Division, do hereby certify that I reported in shorthand 8 the proceedings had at the hearing of the above-entitled 9 cause; that I thereafter caused the foregoing to be 10 transcribed into typewriting, which I hereby certify to 11 12 be a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings before the Honorable STEVEN J. GOEBEL, Judge of said 13 court. 14 15 16 17 icial Court Reporter License No. 084-001693 18 19 20 Dated this 25th day 21 of November 2012. 22 23 24

EXHIBIT Y

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT-CRIMINAL DIVISION

THE PEOF	PLE OF THE STATE OF S,))				
	Plaintiff,))				
VS.))	No.	10	CR	8092
ANNABEL	MELONGO,))				
	Defendant.))				
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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the hearing of the above-entitled cause before the Honorable STEVEN J. GOEBEL, judge of said Court, on the 11th day of January, 2012, at the hour of 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

HON. ANITA M. ALVAREZ State's Attorney of Cook County, by MR. ROBERT PODLASEK Appearing on behalf of the Plaintiff;

Paul W. O'Connor Official Court Reporter Circuit Court of Cook County County Department

I N D E X

Date: January 11, 2012 Pages: XX-1 to XX-12

Status of Motions

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WITNESS DX CX RDX RCX FD FC None

- THE CLERK: Annabel Melongo, sheet five.
- 2 MR. PODLASEK: Robert Podlasek,
- 3 P-O-D-L-A-S-E-K, on behalf of the State.
- 4 MS. MELONGO: Annabel Melongo.
- 5 THE COURT: Good morning.
- 6 MR. PODLASEK: At this time I have
- 7 substantial portion of the former attorney's file to
- 8 return to Miss Melongo. I have reviewed it and taken
- 9 out the portions we are going to be redacting. That
- would be approximately two more of these brown files.
- 11 Shouldn't take more than another two weeks. I have
- one clerk working on it right now.
- THE COURT: Take the State another two weeks
- 14 to get that to you.
- MS. MELONGO: It's way too long. Initially
- 16 he asked for five weeks. Takes over more than two
- months.
- THE COURT: Takes a long time, Miss Melongo.
- MS. MELONGO: It doesn't take that long to
- 20 redact a couple of subpoenas. Not even more than like
- ten subpoenas.
- MR. PODLASEK: That's not true. Just so I
- can respond, we found numerous pages that have credit
- 24 card numbers, Social Security numbers, addresses, and

- telephone numbers of individuals that we are
- 2 redacting.
- THE COURT: I understand. It's a tedious
- 4 and long process. I don't find the State has been --
- 5 I find the State has been exercising due diligence in
- 6 trying to provide you with the discovery, Miss
- 7 Melongo. So take approximately another two weeks
- 8 according to the State.
- 9 Do you have anything else?
- MS. MELONGO: Actually, can I file those
- 11 motions? I have a motion.
- THE COURT: You have a motion to file?
- MS. MELONGO: Yes.
- THE COURT: What kind of motion you want to
- 15 file?
- MS. MELONGO: Actually I don't know, judge,
- if you recall --
- THE COURT: I can't hear you.
- MS. MELONGO: If you recall the last time I
- 20 actually asked you for -- Albukerk's filed one of my
- 21 motions in civil court or -- so actually it's not only
- one motion, it's actually three motions. Those three
- motions are key motions to my computer tampering case.
- They were all filed on the same day in the civil

- 1 department.
- Last time you asked me to write a
- з motion and -- I was thinking about it and I was saying
- 4 to myself it won't actually be a good idea to write
- the motion because the statement, like pre-court
- 6 hearing, I remember court hearing Judge Brosnahan
- 7 asked Mr. Podlasek -- actually initially issued those
- 8 motions when I was pro se, so Judge Brosnahan asked
- 9 Mr. Albukerk to rewrite the motion and file them and
- 10 Albukerk says he's going to file them and then argue
- 11 them.
- Somehow Albukerk did rewrite the motion
- and file them, and all that is on the record, but as
- of now I'm kind of confused if the motion were argued
- or not because Albukerk told me the motion will not
- 16 argue. But one of Albukerk's told me the motion would
- argue, but it was dismissed with that evidentiary
- hearing. So I'm kind of confused of what happened to
- 19 those motions.
- In any event, I told -- the best way to
- solve this issue because I went on record, even my
- 22 present motion to dismiss I talk about this motion.
- 23 It will not be a good idea for me to actually file it
- now. What I ask and that's what I ask in my motions,

- to just issue the order so that the motion get filed
- on July 6th so the record get corrected, and July 6th
- 3 date is kept with Albukerk naming -- because it's
- 4 going to be consistent with everything that has been
- 5 written and everything that --
- 6 THE COURT: Your former attorney Nick
- 7 Albukerk filed this on July 6th of last year?
- 8 MS. MELONGO: Yes.
- 9 THE COURT: State can object if they find
- that not to be correct, but I'll allow you to file it
- 11 as of July 6th. Previously stamped. Obviously I was
- not the judge on that day.
- MS. MELONGO: All those motions, you can
- 14 actually see this one, you can see like civil
- department and stuff. Those three motions are key to
- my computer tampering case.
- THE COURT: Mr. Podlasek, if you have any
- objections to this motion, raise it in two weeks.
- MR. PODLASEK: The elected case --
- THE COURT: As far as the filing I'm talking
- 21 about.
- MS. MELONGO: Just filing, nothing done with
- 23 it. I prepared the order for you.
- THE COURT: There's no need for an order.

- 1 I'm allowing you to file it.
- MS. MELONGO: I have to go there and ask
- 3 them to change it so there have to be an order to do
- 4 that, right?
- 5 THE COURT: No, there doesn't have to be an
- 6 order. The order was just spoken. It's allowed to be
- 7 filed as of July of last year.
- 8 MS. MELONGO: Just go there and tell them
- 9 has to be filed July, correct?
- THE COURT: It's filed. As of July last
- 11 year it's filed. Having said so.
- What's a good date for you to come
- 13 back?
- MS. MELONGO: So you granted the motion.
- 15 Judge, I'm not done. Actually I send you this FAX --
- just for the record, what is your FAX number and phone
- 17 number? Because I send you this FAX last week and I
- 18 was -- nobody knew what is your FAX number. Or
- 19 telephone number.
- THE COURT: FAX number goes through the
- 21 chief judge. You can call (773) 674-3160. Offhand I
- don't know what the FAX number is there, but the
- secretary who answers that phone will be happy to tell
- 24 you what the FAX number is.

- MS. MELONGO: Did you receive this FAX?
- THE COURT: I did not.
- MS. MELONGO: This is what we talked the
- 4 last time about giving some transcript order. So I
- 5 also send a copy to Mr. Podlasek.
- 6 MR. PODLASEK: I received one, judge. And I
- 7 have no objection to copies of those transcripts.
- 8 THE COURT: To copies? Are they already
- 9 printed?
- MS. MELONGO: To order transcript from
- 11 Mrs. --
- THE COURT: Let me review this. We will
- deal with this in two weeks as well. Quite a lot of
- 14 transcripts.
- MS. MELONGO: Last but not least, I was
- supposed to receive the response to my motion to
- 17 dismiss today. Judge, you actually told them today is
- last day. And I don't see any response to my motion
- 19 to dismiss.
- MR. PODLASEK: It's with our appellate
- 21 division. Alan Spellberg informed me it's going to
- take a while. They are a little behind, but they do
- 23 want to respond to it. Given the nature of the -- 30
- 24 to 60 days.

- THE COURT: We've been dealing with this for
- 2 about almost 30 days now.
- мS. MELONGO: Two months.
- MR. PODLASEK: I understand, but there's a
- 5 limited amount of individuals there working on it.
- THE COURT: Find out what the status of it
- 7 is.
- 8 MS. MELONGO: It doesn't make sense. I'm
- just a pro se, everybody can see I'm a pro se and
- filed that motion when I was in jail. And it didn't
- 11 take me a month.
- So Mr. Podlasek is a 30-year plus
- lawyer and he gave it to what kind of division,
- 14 experienced lawyer, it should not take them two months
- to respond to a pro se motion. This is ridiculous.
- THE COURT: I will give Mr. Podlasek till
- the next date to let me know what the progress and
- 18 status is of his office filing your -- the response to
- 19 your motion to dismiss. So we will hold this matter
- over for two weeks. See what the progress is of that.
- 21 I will also deal with your transcript issue on that
- 22 day. As well as I assume in two weeks you will get
- the rest of discovery.
- MS. MELONGO: The transcript has to be given

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    looks like just like we are doing now. The court
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    hearings, you were here, you know what they are.
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    though State does not have an objection, the State has
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    limited funds. I'm not going to grant irrelevant
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    transcripts there. About half of them are in front of
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    me and I can tell you right now since they were in
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    front me, they are not necessary for your defense.
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              MS. MELONGO:
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    be granted, what's in front of me. I told you before
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    I'm only going to grant things where prior trial or
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    prior motions were heard. I'm not going to grant
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    court transcripts and all the banter that goes back
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    and forth like today. That's not going to happen. If
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    you want to order those, you pay for those yourself.
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    I will review your motion for transcripts and some
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MS. MELONGO: The 24th.

Two weeks.

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THE COURT: 24th is good for you?
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               MR. PODLASEK: Can we go to the 23rd.
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               THE COURT: How's the 23rd?
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               MS. MELONGO: That's fine.
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               THE COURT: By agreement then, January 23rd.
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               MS. MELONGO: Can he respond to the motion?
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    It cannot take 2 to 3 months.
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               THE COURT: He will come in and let me know
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    what his progress is. By agreement, January 23rd.
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                    (Whereupon, proceedings were
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                    adjourned in this case)
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1	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT-CRIMINAL DIVISION
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3	I, PAUL W. O'CONNOR, an Official
4	Court Reporter for the Circuit Court of Cook County,
5	County Department/Criminal Division, do hereby certify
6	that I reported in shorthand the proceedings had at
7	the hearing in the above-entitled cause; that I
8	hereafter caused the foregoing to be transcribed into
9	typewriting, which I hereby certify to be a true and
10	accurate transcript of the proceedings had before the
11	Honorable STEVEN GOEBEL, Judge of said court.
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14	Official Court Reporter
15	official court Reporter
16	Lic. No. 084-002955
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18	Dated this $\frac{2n}{2n}$ day of $\frac{2n}{2n}$, 2012.
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           IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
                COUNTY DEPARTMENT-CRIMINAL DIVISION
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         THE PEOPLE OF THE
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         STATE OF ILLINOIS,
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                       Plaintiff, )
                                     No. 10 CR 08092-01
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               VS.
                                     Charge:
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         ANNABEL MELONGO,
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                       Defendant. )
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                       REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS of the
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         hearing had before the HONORABLE TIMOTHY J.
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         JOYCE, on the 23rd day of January 2012, in
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         Chicago, Illinois.
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                   APPEARANCES:
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                       HON. ANITA M. ALVAREZ, State's
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                       Attorney of Cook County, by
                       MR. ROBERT PODLASEK,
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                       Assistant State's Attorney,
                       on behalf of the People;
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                       MS. ANNABEL MELONGO, pro se.
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         Sandra Battaglia
        Official Court Reporter
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        Criminal Division
        C.S.R. #084-003168
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              THE COURT: Melongo.
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                       Who is the State's Attorney on
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         your case?
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              THE DEFENDANT: Mr. Podlasek.
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              THE COURT: Somebody give him a call and
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         see if he is coming down.
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                            and later recalled. )
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              THE COURT: Annabel Melongo.
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              MR. PODLASEK: Good morning.
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              THE COURT: Good morning, Mr. Podlasek.
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                       Hello, again, Miss Melongo.
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              THE DEFENDANT: Good morning, Judge.
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                       Annabel Melongo, pro se.
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             MR. PODLASEK: Robert Podlasek,
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        P-O-D-L-A-S-E-K, on behalf of the State.
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             THE COURT: I am handling Judge Goebel's
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        call. He is on a trial.
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                       What are we doing on this matter?
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             MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I have some documents
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        to tender to Miss Melongo. These are part of
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         attorney's files that we will tender to her.
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         but then we will be finished.
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              THE COURT: Do you anticipate that will be
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         done by the next date?
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              MR. PODLASEK: I do, Judge.
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              THE COURT: What date are you asking for,
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         moment whether that works for her or not.
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              MR. PODLASEK: Can we go to the second week
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         in February towards the end of the week? Maybe
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         the 9th or the 10th.
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              THE COURT: First off, are you agreeing to
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        continue the matter, Miss Melongo --
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              THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor.
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             THE COURT: (CONTINUING) -- to get these
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        materials?
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             THE DEFENDANT: Judge, actually, I have a
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        pending motion to dismiss. And during the last
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        year, Judge Goebel gave the State prosecutor
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        until today to get the State on the motion to
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        dismiss. So the State prosecutor is coming
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         to answer to that motion to dismiss.
              MR. PODLASEK: Judge, if I may respond.
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              THE COURT: Yes.
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              MR. PODLASEK: There was a motion filed to
         dismiss the indictment for eavesdropping.
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         is two separate cases. Miss Melongo filed
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         recently several months ago a motion to have the
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         statute declared unconstitutional.
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        division, specifically to the supervisor of the
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        appellate divisional, Alan Spellberg, who has
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        assigned it out. I have put a call in to him.
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        I have not heard back from him as to when it
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        will be finished.
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              THE DEFENDANT: So if you can just continue
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        this week or next week --
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             MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I am not available.
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             THE DEFENDANT: I am got agreeable to two
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1 week continuance. He has asked for more than 2 three weeks. That motion has been pending --3 sorry, more than six months. 4 THE COURT: How about next week? MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I am on trial. I 5 start a jury on Monday with Judge Goebel. 6 7 THE DEFENDANT: Judge, he can send somebody 8 just to handle this. 9 THE COURT: Miss Melongo, hang on a second. 10 You are going to be able to be 11 heard. I have given you an opportunity to be heard. I don't want any of us talking over any 12 13 others of us. Fair enough? 14 Beg your pardon, Mr. Podlasek. 15 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I will be on jury 16 starting Monday. We are picking. There is at 17 least by my count 25 State witnesses we are putting on. And that's -- we are prepping those 18 19 now as we speak. We are in the middle of that. 20 THE COURT: You will be in front of Judge 21 Goebel, correct, on that matter? 22 MR. PODLASEK: But I will also be prepping 23 the witnesses. 24 THE COURT: I don't doubt it. But you will

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be physically in front of him; correct?
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             MR. PODLASEK: Yes.
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             THE COURT: We will hold it over until next
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        week.
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             THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, Judge.
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             THE COURT: By agreement of the parties --
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        give me a date next week.
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        next week, Miss Melongo?
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             THE DEFENDANT: ( Nodding head. )
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             THE COURT: You have to say yes or no.
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             THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Judge.
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             MR. PODLASEK: February 3rd, Judge.
             THE COURT: By agreement, 2-3-12. I will
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        make it 1:00 o'clock, Room 101. Who knows where
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        the jury will be.
             MR. PODLASEK: Can we make it at 10:00
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        o'clock in the morning?
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             THE DEFENDANT: 10:00 o'clock.
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8	County, County Department, Criminal Division, do
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had in the hearing of the above-entitled cause, before the Honorable STEVEN J. GOEBEL, Judge of said Court, on Friday, the 3rd day of February, A.D., 2012.

PRESENT:

HON. ANITA M. ALVAREZ, State's Attorney of Cook County, by MR. ROBERT PODLASEK, Assistant State's Attorney, appeared on behalf of the People;

MS. ANNABEL MELONGO, appeared pro se.

Siobhra Redmond Official Court Reporter 2650 South California, Room 4-C02 Chicago, Illinois 60608 CSR #084-004552

 \underline{I} \underline{N} \underline{D} \underline{E} \underline{X} PEOPLE vs. ANNABEL MELONGO NO: 10 CR 08092-01 DATE: 02-03-2012 JUDGE: Honorable Steven J. Goebel REPORTER: Siobhra Redmond PAGES: ZZ-1 through ZZ-22 PROCEEDINGS: Discovery Status

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           THE CLERK: On Judge Goebel's call Annabel Melongo,
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      sheets 1 and 2.
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           MR. PODLASEK: Judge, for the record Robert Podlasek
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      on behalf of the State.
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           MS. MELONGO: Judge, for the record Annabel Melongo,
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      pro se.
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           THE COURT: Good morning, Ms. Melongo.
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           MR. PODLASEK: Judge, at this time we're tendering
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      the remainder of Mr. Albukerk's file to Ms. Melongo.
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           THE COURT: Okay. Very good. We're referring to
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      the redacted part?
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           MR. PODLASEK: I am, Judge.
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           THE COURT: Okay. That completes ...
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           MR. PODLASEK:
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           THE COURT: All right. How about discovery?
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           MR. PODLASEK: Discovery has been completed in this
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      case.
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           THE COURT: It's all done.
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           MR. PODLASEK: Yes.
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           MS. MELONGO: Judge, we have the million-dollar
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      question, where's the answer to the motion to dismiss?
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           THE COURT: I'm sorry. I didn't hear you.
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           MS. MELONGO: I said we have the million-dollars
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1 THE COURT: Your motion to dismiss? 2 MS. MELONGO: Yes, where the answer is. 3 THE COURT: Mr. Podlasek, when will the State be 4 able to file a response to Ms. Melongo's motion to 5 dismiss? 6 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, we'll file it on the 14th. 7 That's about ten days from now. We can set it down for 8 argument after that. 9 THE COURT: Okay. You can file it on February 14th. 10 I'm going to give the State to February 14th to file it. 11 On the 14th, Ms. Melongo, we will set it down 12 for argument on the motion. 13 MS. MELONGO: Yes, Judge. For the record I want to 14 know what division of the appellate is handling my 15 motion? Is it a civil or is it a criminal appeal? 16 THE COURT: All right. Well, actually, you're not 17 entitled to know that. I mean, the State operates how 18 the State operates. They don't have to tell me. 19 don't have to tell you. I just want it filed. 20 Mr. Podlasek is the state's attorney on this case and he 21 is responsible for filing the motion or bringing it to 22 the Court's attention and arguing it, so I don't know if 23 someone else is going to come in or not. But I'm holding 24 right now since no one else is here Mr. Podlasek to

filing this motion on February 14th.

MS. MELONGO: Okay. Judge, I have some copy of -- I have some issue I want to go through.

THE COURT: All right.

MS. MELONGO: Okay. The first issue is -- actually it was my understanding when the State got my file that it was supposed to redact information, social security number, credit card, but it turned out the State did everything but redact that information.

Judge, if you recall, I objected to the fact that my case being handed over to the state prosecutor is because I have known Mr. Podlasek for more than five years now. Actually, the first time I met him was January 17th, 2007.

THE COURT: I think you guys are getting an adversarial friendship. Go ahead.

MS. MELONGO: So when he requested my file, I knew exactly the purpose behind him requesting the file and I objected to it, so he has been returning that file over to me. And it turned out what he was supposed to be redacting in the file is not -- he didn't do that, but the information he had no business redacting and that was necessary to my defense was what was redacted.

And I'm not talking out of the blue. Judge,

I'm just going to give you some -- I didn't bring 1 2 everything, but this is a subpoena from Go Daddy. The 3 subpoena has all the credit card information. 4 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I missed that one. I should 5 have redacted that. 6 MS. MELONGO: It's not that -- A mistake is a 7 mistake. And I'm actually going to use this information 8 to file a second motion to dismiss if the pending is not 9 granted. So this is the Go Daddy information and it has 10 actually valid credit card numbers, some of them current 11 That is the kind of information Mr. Podlasek 12 was supposed to redact. That information is black and 13 white there visible to --14 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I'd actually request those 15 documents back so I can redact them. 16 MS. MELONGO: -- to the defendant. 17 MR. PODLASEK: This is the exact reason that a 18 pro se defendant shouldn't have access to anything that 19 an attorney subpoenaed. 20 MS. MELONGO: But, Judge, you gave him that 21 information over my objection so that he would redact the 22 information and he didn't do that. He got that 23 information, like, more than five months now and it has 24 never been redacted.

THE COURT: I understand, but how does that hurt you or prejudice you?

MS. MELONGO: No, I'm coming -- I'm coming. That's what I'm coming.

THE COURT: Okay. Go ahead.

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MS. MELONGO: That's the information he was to -supposed to redact. He didn't redact it. But strangely though, Judge, the information he has no business redacting, those are just, like, entry from the defendant, one of -- one of the persons subpoenaed, this is like -- this is a consulting company entry and they were just making some comment. They are some comment here that are really necessary for the defense. the redacted investigation and I don't know if somebody made a mistake and also gave me the unredacted version. So if you read that last -- this last portion of the unredacted version, you will see the paragraph state the company that is accusing me in the computer tampering case of deleting password and stuff has also accused somebody of doing exactly the same. And if you see this is the information. That is exactly the information I need for my defense that was redacted by the State.

THE COURT: Are you saying -- Since I'm not familiar with the exact facts of the case or the parties, I'll be

honest with you, this is -- not have much meaning to me.

Are you referring to the part that says --

MS. MELONGO: It is meaning. I have to explain it to you.

THE COURT: -- I'm in the off-site training session. We are actively trying to obtain a signature from a client. We need a signed time sheet from the client.

MS. MELONGO: And I can explain you why it's meaning to me and why it's meaning to my defense.

THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.

MS. MELONGO: Because the last paragraph is the company -- that's was the consultant who went before I got hired, that's the individual that was hired in my position. He was before me. So the company in the computer tampering case accused me of deleting password and for deleting filing stuff. And it turned out that company accused this guy for doing exactly the same thing. So -- And it will be necessary to my defense, like, just to prove credibility then, see, this is a person. The person who comes before me was accused of doing exactly the same thing that I'm being accused of. Actually, it will be a credibility on my accuser, just to challenge the credibility of the accuser. So for the

1 that I cannot see that information is really -- is a big 2 prejudice to my case and it's kind of a miscarriage of 3 justice for the State to have done that. And that is not only -- it's just a sample of things they are -- those 4 5 are not pages that have been redacted. This is just a 6 sample I took. But there are pages and pages like that 7 that have been redacted. 8 THE COURT: Actually, to me this looks like two 9 separate sheets though. 10 MS. MELONGO: No, it's the same sheet. 11 THE COURT: Can you tell me if these are two -- the 12 same sheets. 13 MS. MELONGO: If you see the same comment, those are 14 the same. And the problem is the State has no business 15 redacting this information. It was just credit card 16 number and social security. Why is it going --17 MR. PODLASEK: And addresses, Judge, telephone 18 numbers. 19 MS. MELONGO: How is it going to redact --2.0 MR. PODLASEK: Social security numbers. I've 21 attempted --22 THE COURT: To me they look like two separate 23 sheets. On the one it says job, what is it job title on 24 the first.

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           MS. MELONGO: It may be different, but the comments
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MS. MELONGO: Judge --1 THE COURT: -- something is redacted. 2 3 Hold on. You don't know what's redacted because you 4 don't have the original. But what Ms. Melongo was saying 5 those two were the same, they're not, so she cannot say 6 7 those two are the exact same page and that important item was redacted because obviously it was tendered, so --8 9 because they're separate pages. MR. PODLASEK: Can I say something else? 10 MS. MELONGO: Judge, can I say something before he 11 say. Actually it's not even an issue now if the pages 12 are the same or not. The State redacted information it 13 had no business redacting. It was social security number 14 15 and --THE COURT: No, they're absolutely --16 MS. MELONGO: -- credit card number. Why the State 17 went and redact that information. You cannot redact 18 something just for the sake of redacting and the very 19 thing it was supposed to redact, they never redacted it. 20 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I said I made a mistake on one 21 22 of them. MS. MELONGO: It's not a mistake. 23 THE COURT: Well, you don't know if that is or not. 24

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THE COURT:

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I assume it was since Mr. Podlasek, you know, and the State's Attorney's Office went through volumes and volumes of records, it's understandable how some could slip through. But I gave them permission to do that and I'm not going to reverse myself, so ... MS. MELONGO: But you didn't give them permission to redact everything they thought was necessary for their own case. THE COURT: No, he's under an obligation to tender any Brady material and there's no indication he has not complied with that. So he's allowed to redact credit cards obviously, social security numbers and addresses, home addresses. MR. PODLASEK: Telephone numbers I redacted also. THE COURT: Telephone numbers. MS. MELONGO: For the record the State didn't redact information it was supposed to redact because I am going to use that for second motion to dismiss and that one is going to be dismissing both my cases because it's a miscarriage of justice what the State did to redact my file for its own purpose. MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I'll return these to Ms. Melongo on the next court date redacted properly.

MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I would also just for the record say you did order us also to copy Mr. Albukerk's complete file unredacted and maintain that copy so that the Court if there were questions whether or not we should have redacted something, the Court has something to reference back to. We do have those in our offices.

MS. MELONGO: Judge, the damage has already been done.

THE COURT: All right.

MS. MELONGO: Okay. The second point I want to -Judge, when I got arrested, the State came in front of
Judge Brosnahan and asked that my passport be handed over
to him. So as of today I don't know where is -- my
passport is and I have -- and I told you I have an
immigration hold where I have to correct my immigration
standing. So I asked the people at the jail where is my
passport. They don't know where my passport is.

Coming Thursday I have an appointment with the immigration and I need my passport. If not a passport, at least a copy of it. So I'm asking the State, who has my passport?

MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I don't believe the State took her passport.

THE COURT: It usually goes with the clerk. Let me

1 see if it's in here. 2 MS. MELONGO: Can I have this copy. 3 MR. PODLASEK: No. MS. MELONGO: I already have the copies, so there is 4 5 even no business you keeping it because I already have 6 the copy. 7 MR. PODLASEK: I'll make a redacted copy. 8 MS. MELONGO: I have, like, a stack like that with 9 credit cards, so ... MR. PODLASEK: You should bring them back over to 10 11 me. MS. MELONGO: I'm not turning it over. I'm going 12 to --13 14 THE COURT: Hold on. No dialogue. 15 All right. The clerks might have it in a separate sealed envelope or something. I do not see it 16 in the file, but they are rather thick and I am not going 17 to sit here and go through it piece by piece. We will 18 19 have to locate the passport to see where that's at. 20 MS. MELONGO: Judge, actually it was in April the first time I appear in front of Judge Brosnahan from 21 22 jail. Mr. Podlasek asked Judge Brosnahan to have my passport surrendered because it was in my property. So 23 my passport is somewhere and somebody has to at least a 24

copy give to me so that I can correct my immigration 1 2 standing. THE COURT: All right. I don't think the State has 3 any objections to you being tendered a copy of the 4 5 passport. MR. PODLASEK: No, but I don't have it in my 6 7 possession. 8 THE COURT: I understand. 9 MS. MELONGO: So who have it? 10 THE COURT: All right. The clerk has informed me it should be upstairs in their office, so he's going to 11 12 check. MS. MELONGO: The next one is actually, Judge, I 13 14 want to make a motion to appoint expert. 15 THE COURT: All right. MS. MELONGO: So the current charges against me like 16 17 eavesdropping and the eavesdropping is actually recorded the conversation with Ms. Pamela Taylor who is the 18 19 manager of the Cook County reporter office. So the 20 information is really technical. So for the jury to understand it, I will need 21 I will 22 three expert. I will need a computer expert. 23 need a court reporter expert and I will need a general record expert explaining what is a court sheet, what is a 24

judge's note and all those kinds of things, so ... 1 THE COURT: All right. You wish to file that today? 2 MS. MELONGO: If you can file it for me and 3 then ... 4 THE COURT: All right. Stuart, can you stamp this 5 6 please. There's a copy back for Ms. Melongo, and the 7 8 State. MS. MELONGO: Okay. The next point is, Judge, you 9 were supposed to order some transcript and then I see you 10 are going to talk about it today. 11 THE COURT: All right. You want to order numerous 12 transcripts. I think I told you the last time you and I 13 were together that I didn't see any other than perhaps 14 the 12-13-10 argue motion to dismiss, I think that's 15 actually a continuance because I think there was no 16 argument on a motion to dismiss, so I think actually it 17 was just a continuance. Most of these I am not going to 18 19 order. MS. MELONGO: Judge, why not? 20 THE COURT: Because you are indigent doesn't mean 21 you get transcripts from every continuance or every time 22 23 the case is up. MS. MELONGO: Yes. Judge, my argument was not only 24

I'm indigent, I cannot work and I need those transcripts for my own defense. So I don't know why I cannot get any. And besides hours in jail when most of those court hearings took place, my former lawyer never left me any kind of summary or anything for me to actually track what happened when I was in jail. So I don't know why I cannot -- I can understand even, say, okay from the time when you were released, I don't go to -- I am not going to order those transcripts, I can understand because from the time I got released, I start doing my own summary.

But, Judge, it will be really unfair given that I cannot work, given that I was in jail, given that my former lawyer never left me a summary of those court hearings, it would really be unfair not to -- not to order those transcripts for me because I have no clue what happened in any other date when I was in jail.

THE COURT: All right. Ms. Melongo, I understand your argument. For example, though, Nick's the lawyer on 4-11-11. Reconsider Nick on 6-24. Ask for PD 7-11-11. They have nothing to do with your representation of yourself right now. You don't need a transcript for those.

I told you I would give you the trial transcript and hopefully that's been done for you already

1 where the jury was hung. I will give you any motions 2 that were argued or heard, but I'm not going to give you 3 anything else because they're not necessary for your 4 defense. 5 MS. MELONGO: How do you know, Judge? You are not 6 the one defending me. I'm the one defending myself and I 7 know what is necessary for my defense and what is not. 8 THE COURT: It's denied. 9 MS. MELONGO: Okay. Okay. Judge, last but not 10 least, I receive an unlikely e-mail from somebody who was 11 Mr. Podlasek's friend and ally and that was 12 Mr. Albukerk. 13 THE COURT: Did you say friend and ally? 14 MS. MELONGO: Mr. Podlasek's friend and ally when 15 they -- actually they made a -- they teamed together to 16 send me back in jail. 17 THE COURT: Well, I don't know about that, but go 18 ahead. 19 MS. MELONGO: Anyway --20 MR. PODLASEK: Just for the record, I'm going to 21 object to that. 22 MS. MELONGO: I receive an e-mail from him and then 23 he actually sent me the letters of date on the 24 eavesdropping law.

THE COURT: Who did, Mr. Albukerk? 1 MS. MELONGO: Yes. Which means there is something 2 going on in his conscience or something. So he -- The 3 eavesdropping law, the current standing is that the ISBA, 4 which is the Illinois State Bar Association, make it top 5 priority starting next Tuesday --6 THE COURT: Yes, did he send you the Law Bulletin 7 article? 8 MS. MELONGO: Yes -- over all the Illinois 9 eavesdropping statute because it argue it's an assault to 10 the 1st Amendment right. 1.1 12 So Mr. Podlasek seems to be the only person in Illinois who still think he has a case against me because 13 all over article out there say I should not be persecuted 14 15 for eavesdropping. Even the Illinois State Bar Association say 16 it's an assault to my 1st Amendment right. 17 Actually, I read this article. 18 THE COURT: they are talking about is amending the eavesdropping 19 20 statute. 21 MS. MELONGO: Yes. THE COURT: Not striking it down but amending it. 22 MS. MELONGO: Yes, but you cannot amend if you don't 23 24 change what is ...

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MR. PODLASEK: They're also talking in that article,
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           THE COURT: Ms. Melongo, Ms. Melongo, we're not
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           MS. MELONGO: Judge, I think I'm done for today.
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           THE COURT: Okay. By agreement.
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           MS. MELONGO: So what about my motion for expert?
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MS. MELONGO: Thank you, Judge.
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                           MR. DANIEL CRONE 7-11
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                           on behalf of the People;
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THE CLERK: Annabel Melongo, sheets 20 and 21. 1 2 THE COURT: Good morning, Ms. Melongo. 3 THE DEFENDANT: Good morning, Judge. Sorry the 4 line was so long. 5 THE COURT: That's okay. I understand. MR. PODLASEK: Judge, for the record, Robert 6 7 Podlasek, on behalf of the State. THE DEFENDANT: For the record, Annabel Melongo, 8 9 pro se. 10 MR. CRONE: Also, for the State, 7-11 clerk, 11 Daniel Crone, C-r-o-n-e. 12 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, you asked the State to file 13 a response to Defendant's Motion to Declare 14 Eavesdropping Statute Unconstitutional. I am tendering a copy of our response to the court. I am tendering a 15 16 copy to Ms. Melongo. I am also tendering a copy of the 17 cases cited in our response to the court as a courtesy. 18 THE COURT: Thank you very much. 19 THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, Judge. This is a 20 Valentine gift. 21 THE COURT: Valentine gift for you. I know you 22 and Mr. Podlasek have a very unique relationship. So 23 it is very appropriate on Valentine's Day. Can we set 24 this down then for hearing?

1 MR. PODLASEK: Yes, your Honor. 2 THE DEFENDANT: Judge, I want to make some statement on the record. 3 4 THE COURT: Go ahead. 5 THE DEFENDANT: Actually, you remember during the 6 last year when the State gave me the response, my entire file back. And you also remember that 7 8 Mr. Podlasek also sent me to jail for two weeks for 9 having received my file from Mr. Podlasek. So I have information from those two files. So when I receive my 10 11 entire file from Mr. Podlasek, I discover that there 12 were some document, entire document that were removed 13 from that file. That was part of my communication with 14 Mr. Podlasek still in that file. That were my lawyer's 15 note in that file, and the Social Security card, Social 16 Security number and credit card information. He was 17 supposed to redact it. Plainly anybody can see those 18 and --THE COURT: You mean the information from last 19 court date? 20 21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 22 THE COURT: Mr. Podlasek, do you have that? You 23 were going to redact that and get that back to her? 24 MR. PODLASEK: I haven't done it yet.

THE DEFENDANT: Judge, that's where I am coming from. I know he came here the last time, and then he said, oh, he was so sorry, and then he apologized for it, but the damage is now irreversible. The damage has already been done.

Judge, if the State charge me, let's say, with murder or with aggravated battery, and then I come in front of you and tell you, "Oh, Judge, oh, that was just a mistake," and then I apologize for it, the State will not accept that type of defense. And the State live by certain rules. The State also have to die by certain rules. He has to walk the talk. Nobody is above that law.

So this is a pending Motion to Dismiss. And if this motion is denied, I am going to punish the State prosecutor for what he did because, Judge, if you think this case is bad, if you think the eavesdropping case is bad, wait until you get to the computer tampering case. The case had seven kinds of perjury from the State prosecutor. He has no witness. He has no evidence. He have five year pending motion for discovery. So the State, using a false pretense from redacting credit card information and Social Security number, he took my file to perfect his own case. And I

am going to see that he gets punished for that.

THE COURT: All right. Well, so the record is clear, Ms. Melongo, the State received the file back from your attorney at the Court's order so that the file could be redacted. And, yes, it is true that it appears that some documents, I don't think a great volume of documents, were not redacted, because you brought that to my attention last time up. But Mr. Podlasek is acting pursuant to my order, as far as discovery goes on this case, that the file be tendered to him so that it could be redacted.

Now he didn't see any confidential information because I had specifically asked Mr. Albukerk, who represented you prior, to make sure that any confidential attorney-client information was not included in the file he gave to Mr. Podlasek. And, as a matter of fact, he did that.

THE DEFENDANT: Judge, unfortunately that information was there. Unfortunately what -- the last time was just a sample. There are stacks and stacks of documents that were redacted, some of them entire pages. There were document, complete subpoena response from Mr. Albukerk that were removed from my case. And I didn't bring that information today because it is

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2	Dismiss. Because if I bring it today, then the State
3	will use it and then do whatever it want with it. I am
4	going to put that evidence in my Motion to Dismiss.
5	THE COURT: Well, let's deal with one thing at a
6	time. So right now you have filed a Motion to Dismiss
7	the charges as being unconstitutional?
8	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
9	THE COURT: Let's set this down for hearing on
10	your motion. And then depending on whatever that
11	ruling is, obviously you can file more motions, if you
12	wish.
13	THE DEFENDANT: Okay.
14	THE COURT: All right. Let's go to, since I do
15	want to read this very thoroughly, how is the week of
16	the 13th or 19th of March?
17	THE DEFENDANT: The 13th is fine for me.
18	MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I start a trial before Judge
19	Joyce on March 12th. It should only last about two
20	days.
21	THE COURT: Let's go the 15th then.
22	THE DEFENDANT: Okay. The 15th is a Thursday.
23	THE COURT: That's a Thursday.
24	THE DEFENDANT: Okay.

THE COURT: All right. We are going to make this 1 then by agreement March 15th. 2 MR. PODLASEK: Yes, your Honor. 3 THE COURT: With for argument on the motion. 4 THE DEFENDANT: And, Judge, sorry if I have to 5 bother you with this issue but I still have an 6 unresolved issue of my passport. 7 THE COURT: The clerk is still looking for your 8 9 passport. THE DEFENDANT: Yes. Ms. Peggy Anderson, she 10 actually look for my passport here. She also called 11 downtown at the Daley Center. Nobody has my passport. 12 So if Podlasek took it upon himself to charge me, 13 prosecute me, and then he also made sure that all name 14 and information was redacted so there is nobody I can 15 actually call to know where is my passport. So if 16 Mr. Podlasek can call up and call the officer, 17 arresting officer or whoever it was, because I don't 18 have that information. 19 THE COURT: Are there photocopies of your 20 passport? 21 THE DEFENDANT: It is my entire passport. I want 22 the photocopies because I need those. 23 THE COURT: Do we have photocopies? 24

MR. PODLASEK: I couldn't find any photocopies in 1 the file. 2 THE DEFENDANT: It is the entire passport. 3 MR. PODLASEK: There is no reason to copy a 4 passport. Normally when it is surrendered, it is 5 surrendered to the clerk. 6 THE COURT: Right. I mean, when passports are 7 surrendered, and obviously I was not the judge when 8 that occurred, the clerk is supposed to keep the passport in a confidential file. 10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. And Mr. Podlasek came here, 11 on record, asked the judge to have my passport 12 surrendered. So I didn't even know what happened to my 13 passport. I knew I had a passport. And Mr. Podlasek 14 knows that when I was arrested, that passport was in my 15 property. So where is my passport? Nobody knows. 16 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, what I will do is I will 17 call the original arresting officer in the original 18 case out of the suburb where it is located. I think it 19 is Villa Park. And I will see if they took any 20 personal material. But I can't believe --21 THE COURT: Ms. Melongo, did you ever surrender 22

your passport in court? Did you ever surrender your

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passport in court?

1 THE DEFENDANT: No. Mr. Albukerk objected to it, 2 and I asked him to object to it. He objected. 3 THE COURT: And was it taken from you when you were arrested? 4 5 THE DEFENDANT: THE COURT: It is with the police department then. 6 All right. Mr. Podlasek, check with the police 7 8 department. 9 MR. PODLASEK: I will, Judge. But just, for the 10 record, Mr. Albukerk came on the case well after the 11 passport would have been surrendered. So I am not quite sure how he could have objected to it. She has 12 13 had -- Ms. Melongo has had several attorneys prior to 14 Mr. Albukerk, including the Public Defender's Office. THE DEFENDANT: Judge, when I was arrested, 15 Mr. Albukerk was my lawyer. It doesn't matter if I had 16 17 millions of lawyers before that. Mr. Albukerk was my lawyer, and he objected. Mr. Podlasek came, asked 18 Judge Brosnahan, he want my passport surrendered. 19 20 Mr. Albukerk objected to it. And then we never heard 21 about a passport. So when I got out of jail, I asked the property, "Where is my passport?" Nobody knows 22 23 where is my passport. 24 THE COURT: All right. They are still going to

check. Obviously the police department has not been checked with yet. And that's going to occur. And the clerk is going to continue to look as well, so.

MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I would also suggest that we go back to the original case with Judge Schreier because I think that would have been the time that we would have asked for the passport to be surrendered.

THE DEFENDANT: No, Judge. I was arrested

April 14, 2010. Judge Schreier was back there in 2007.

It is when I got arrested in 2010.

THE COURT: That's when they took your passport?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes. And that's why I wanted all those transcripts. Judge, you see now, if you had all those transcripts, I will have shown you the line where Mr. Podlasek came in and asked for my passport to be surrendered. So my passport was in the State's possession in April 14 -- no, April 13, that's when I got arrested, 2010.

THE COURT: Hold on. Stewart, I am going to ask you to search the half sheet and look for passport being surrendered, and I will order the transcript for that to see what the judge said and where the passport is. It is going to be by agreement March 15th with for motions.

MR. PODLASEK: Both cases? THE COURT: Both cases. THE DEFENDANT: Thank you, Judge. Happy Valentine's. THE COURT: Happy Valentine's Day to you, Ms. Melongo. (Which were all the proceedings had in the aforementioned cause this date.)

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7	Division, do hereby certify that I reported in
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     ANNABEL MELONGO,
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                  REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the hearing
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     STEVEN J. GOEBEL, Judge of said court, on the 4th
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     day of JUNE, 2012.
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        PRESENT:
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             HONORABLE ANITA M. ALVAREZ,
             State's Attorney of Cook County, by:
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             MR. ROBERT PODLASEK,
             Assistant State's Attorney,
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                  appeared on behalf of the People;
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             MS. ANNABEL MELONGO,
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                 appeared pro se.
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     DORLISA BRYANT
     OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER
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- 1 THE CLERK: Annabel Melongo.
- 2 MR. PODLASEK: Good morning, Judge.
- 3 MS. MELONGO: Good morning, Judge.
- THE COURT: Good morning, Ms. Melongo.
- 5 MS. MELONGO: Annabel Melongo.
- 6 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, for the record Robert
- 7 Podlasek, P-O-D-L-A-S-E-K, on behalf of the State.
- 8 THE COURT: All right. We held this case over
- 9 from last week. I was engaged in a jury trial and
- 10 it's for Ms. Melongo's subpoenas.
- 11 MR. PODLASEK: Right, Judge.
- 12 THE COURT: She has tendered copies of
- 13 subpoenas to the State, various things she wishes
- 14 to subpoena so I told her that she must go through
- 15 the Court. And Mr. Podlasek, you're in receipt of
- 16 those?
- 17 MR. PODLASEK: I am, Judge, and I've reviewed
- 18 them. Some I have no objections to at all. One
- 19 thing I would point out is I think all the
- 20 subpoenaed materials must be returned to you, not
- 21 to Ms. Melongo.
- 22 THE COURT: Correct.
- 23 MR. PODLASEK: Regardless of whether they're
- 24 bank records or otherwise. So if you want to just

- 1 go through them we can do this pretty quickly.
- THE COURT: All right. How many do you have
- 3 objections to?
- MS. MELONGO: Actually, Your Honor, this is
- 5 for Shahna Monge (inaudible). She's the one that
- 6 made the forensic computer tape.
- 7 MR. PODLASEK: She used to work for the
- 8 Attorney General's Office.
- 9 THE COURT: Who did?
- 10 MR. PODLASEK: Shana Monqe.
- 11 THE COURT: Can you spell that?
- MR. PODLASEK: Monqe; Shahna, S-H-A-H-N-A.
- 13 THE COURT: All right. Your objection to that?
- MR. PODLASEK: I just received this.
- MS. MELONGO: Judge, I don't even think he can
- object to it because she's the one who made the
- 17 report accusing me of accessing the computer, and
- 18 since she's made that report she vanished, nobody
- 19 knows where she is. The State needs to get me her
- 20 whereabouts. And that's why I tried to find out if
- she has a website, so I contacted the website to
- 22 give me the information but the State is the
- 23 neglecting to tell me where she is.
- MR. PODLASEK: Judge, she used to work for the

- 1 Cyber Crime Unit for the Attorney General's Office.
- 2 They did the analysis open this case initially.
- 3 Anybody from the Cyber Crimes Unit can testify on
- 4 behalf of the --
- MS. MELONGO: Forensic examination performed by
- 6 her. She did a forensic examination, she vanished.
- 7 The Illinois Attorney General isn't agreeing to
- 8 tell me her whereabouts, the State is unwilling to
- 9 tell me her whereabouts. If it wasn't for her
- 10 computer tampering the case would have never
- 11 existed.
- 12 THE COURT: Mr. Podlasek, do you know where
- 13 she's at?
- MR. PODLASEK: I don't, Judge.
- THE COURT: All right. What I've been tendered
- is a copy of the report. Is this her report?
- 17 MS. MELONGO: Yes. I mean, it's part of it.
- 18 She made like two CD's and then she made a big
- 19 report. All of them was just junk and there was
- 20 no evidence that I actually committed a crime, and
- 21 once she made that she disappeared, she vanished.
- THE COURT: Let me see the subpoena.
- 23 Ms. Melongo has every right to question her
- 24 considering she did a forensic report in this

- 1 matter regardless of of whether or not you intent
- 2 to call her, Mr. Podlasek.
- MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I didn't say we were
- 4 objecting to this.
- 5 THE COURT: Okay.
- 6 MR. PODLASEK: I think she has a web site and a
- 7 business address which is fine. Asking for
- 8 residential address I'm not sure.
- 9 MS. MELONGO: I mean, it's not that I am --
- 10 actually I want how she can be contacted so that I
- 11 can ask her for the actual report. It's not that I
- 12 want --
- 13 THE COURT: Can you get her here by calling the
- 14 Attorney General's Office? I'm sure they must know
- 15 where she's at.
- MR. PODLASEK: I know she's out of state.
- 17 MS. MELONGO: Judge --
- 18 THE COURT: She's out of state.
- 19 MS. MELONGO: Judge, I've already called.
- 20 Either they are not willing to give me the
- information or they don't know where she is.
- MR. PODLASEK: If you give me that I'll be
- 23 happy to call the Attorney General's Office to see
- 24 if we can contact her. Maybe we can set up some

- 1 kind of phone conference.
- 2 THE COURT: All right. It seems a little
- 3 expansive. I'm going to allow you to find this
- 4 witness but subpoena the phone records, you don't
- 5 even know what they are.
- MS. MELONGO: Actually I want anything.
 - 7 THE COURT: Let me see if we can accomplish
 - 8 this without getting all this personal information;
 - 9 otherwise as I stated, Ms. Melongo, you have an
 - 10 actual right to subpoena her in and talk to her
 - 11 considering she made the forensic report in this
 - 12 case.
 - MR. PODLASEK: For the record the State has
 - 14 no objection to be her contacting this witness.
 - 15 THE COURT: Or what I'll allow you to do is
 - 16 subpoena the Attorney General's Office to supply
 - 17 her last-known address.
 - MS. MELONGO: She doesn't work there. It
 - 19 has been like six years. She does not work there
 - 20 anymore. She actually -- I called the Attorney
 - 21 General's Office, they said they don't know where
 - 22 she is. I've been after her for years. After she
 - 23 made the report she disappeared.
 - 24 THE COURT: All right. I'm going to let

- 1 Mr. Podlasek try to track her down. If not I will
- 2 allow a form of that subpoena to go out for sure so
- 3 that you can find her.
- 4 MR. PODLASEk: Judge, once again, the form of
- 5 the subpoena should be returned to the court.
- 6 THE COURT: All subpoenas have to be returned
- 7 to the court and not to you, Ms. Melongo.
- 8 MS. MELONGO: Yes, everything. I'm going to
- 9 have al of the subpoenas returned. And Judge, last
- 10 but not least, actually during our last court
- 11 hearing you gave us the assignment to read the
- 12 ruling in the Seventh Circuit Court.
- 13 THE COURT: I'm not at that yet, so let's just
- 14 hold off on that for right now. And I want to deal
- with the subpoenas matter first. So what other
- 16 subpoenas do you have any objection to?
- 17 MR. PODLASEK: Carol Spizzirri. I'm objecting
- 18 to Paragraphs 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.
- 19 THE COURT: You're okay with all the other
- 20 paragraphs. You're objecting to 8, 9, 10, 11 and
- 21 12.
- 22 MR. PODLASEK: 10, 11 and 12.
- MS. MELONGO: Okay. Judge, I'm going to tell
- 24 you why I actually need the information. This is

- the transcript the Grand Jury transcript.
- THE COURT: Hold on. First of all, I'm totally
- 3 unfamiliar with this case. Can you give me a
- 4 little background of what's alleged here briefly,
- 5 Mr. Podlasek.
- 6 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, briefly Ms. Melongo's
- 7 been charged with computer tampering. She used to
- 8 work for Carol Spizzirri for Save A Life Foundation
- 9 which is a not-for-profit foundation. When she was
- 10 terminated for her job she entered the computer
- 11 system from a location, remotely interfered with
- 12 the files, destroyed some files and made them
- 13 inaccessible. She also is charged with tampering
- 14 with the e-mail of Carol Spizzirri. These are all
- 15 Class 4 felonies.
- 16 THE COURT: All right.
- MS. MELONGO: Judge, can I tell me my version
- 18 of the -- that's his version.
- 19 THE COURT: Well, I just want to know what's
- 20 alleged.
- MS. MELONGO: Oh, okay.
- 22 THE COURT: I'm not accepting that it's true by
- any means, Ms. Molongo. I just need to know a
- 24 brief history so I can make an appropriate ruling.

- 1 You know, you shouldn't say anything as far as the
- 2 State can hold that against you, okay.
- 3 MS. MELONGO: Okay.
- 4 THE COURT: I just needed to know what's
- 5 alleged. All right. So 8 reads, "Bills and
- 6 invoice which related to the hiring of experts for
- 7 the computer incident that occurred April 28, 2006
- 8 tl May 12, 2006.
- 9 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, in that case there's
- 10 none.
- 11 THE COURT: Was there experts hired?
- MR. PODLASEK: There were experts that were
- 13 brought in but there's no purpose to having bills
- 14 and everything -- we have no objection to reports.
- 15 Everything that we have they're no longer entitled
- 16 to it.
- MS. MELONGO: Judge, there is a purpose.
- THE COURT: Hold on, hold on. Had who paid the
- 19 bills? Ms. Spizzirri?
- MR. PODLASEK: Yes.
- THE COURT: All right. As to Number 8.
- MS. MELONGO: Okay.
- THE COURT: We're going to take them one at a
- 24 time.

- 1 MS. MELONGO: Actually Spizzirri's version of
- 2 the story is because of the incident she actually
- 3 paid up to you 200,000 to expert and actually the
- 4 company went down because of this incident and
- 5 because of what happened. Actually you can read
- 6 this part of the first paragraph. That's the
- 7 report she sent to the Illinois Attorney General.
- 8 In fact, none of it actually ever happened, so if
- 9 I can prove that what she is saying never happened
- 10 I also have good basis to win my case in front of a
- 11 jury.
- 12 THE COURT: All right. And these experts are
- going to be testifying at trial?
- MS. MELONGO: Exactly.
- THE COURT: Those will allowed. All right,
- let's go to Number 9. "Copies of checks given to
- 17 Annabel Melongo for services at Save A Life
- 18 Foundation." Are you the talking about your
- 19 personal paychecks then?
- MS. MELONGO: Yes.
- 21 THE COURT: All right. And your objection is
- 22 what?
- MR. PODLASEK: Judge, she's received the
- 24 checks.

- 1 MS. MELONGO: No.
- THE COURT: But she cashed them so she doesn't
- 3 have them anymore.
- 4 MR. PODLASEK: I don't know if Ms. Spizzirri
- 5 still has any access to them.
- 6 THE COURT: If she has them they will be
- 7 allowed. "All documents showing proof of the
- 8 financial loss of one million due to the computer
- 9 incident as stated in the May 2008 Grand Jury."
- 10 All right. The alleged loss here is?
- MS. MELONGO: One million dollars.
- MR. PODLASEK: A million dollars in donations,
- 13 Judge. What was lost was the donor's list.
- MS. MELONGO: No, Judge. That's not true. I'm
- 15 going to show you the indictment. She said she
- lost one million dollars because of the incident.
- Page 9; 9, 9. "I mean, one million dollars doesn't
- disappear out of the blue. If you lost it you have
- 19 to track it to how it got lost.
- THE COURT: This isn't her testimony.
- MS. MELONGO: That is the --
- MR. PODLASEK: The detective.
- MS. MELONGO: -- the detective.
- 24 THE COURT: The detective.

- 1 MR. PODLASEK: She wasn't charged with a one
- 2 million dollar theft, Judge.
- MS. MELONGO: I mean, if you tell the Grand
- 4 Jury that they lost one million dollars you'd
- 5 better have proof to show it. I mean, one million
- 6 dollars is not like a hundred dollars.
- 7 THE COURT: Are you seeking to put in what the
- 8 financial loss is in your case?
- 9 MS. MELONGO: I hadn't thought about it at this
- 10 point.
- 11 THE COURT: I don't know that it would be
- 12 relevant at this point. I'm not going allow the
- 13 state to put in a financial loss because it's not
- 14 relevant to the charge and so I'm not going to
- 15 allow you to subpoena documents showing the
- 16 financial loss of a million. This is extraneous
- 17 testimony by a detective in the Grand Jury. It's
- not part of the elements of proof as to what you're
- 19 charged with.
- MS. MELONGO: Judge, it is because I'm charged
- 21 with deleting financial documents.
- THE COURT: If it's not an amount in the
- 23 indictment.
- MS. MELONGO: I have the charge here. I'm

- 1 charged with deleting the financial documents.
- 2 THE COURT: But there's not an amount that the
- 3 State needs to prove. It's irrelevant. I'm not
- 4 going to allow it in any way.
- 5 MS. MELONGO: Okay.
- 6 THE COURT: So 10 will have to be stricken.
- 7 MS. MELONGO: All right. 11, "All documents
- 8 including e-mails, personal files and checks for
- 9 former computer consultant Victor Rodriguez.
- 10 MS. MELONGO: Judge, we can remove that one
- 11 because the movant has subpoenaed, provided
- information, but the State went and redacted the
- 13 entire information. So either the State give me
- 14 the unredacted information or I subpoena that
- 15 information. It's up to the State.
- 16 THE COURT: All right. Do you have that
- 17 information?
- 18 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, it was subpoenaed before
- by her attorney, but there's no basis for
- 20 subpoenaing all these former employees, their
- 21 personal information, their personnel records.
- 22 This isn't a broad fishing expedition.
- MS. MELONGO: Judge, it is a basis because she
- 24 also accused these individuals to tamper with her

- 1 computer and then --
- 2 THE COURT: Hold on. What did Victor Rodriguez
- 3 do relative to this case?
- MR. PODLASEK: Nothing in this case, no.
- 5 THE COURT: What did he do?
- 6 MS. MELONGO: Judge, he was the computer --
- 7 actually the computer technician at his place, but
- 8 prior to that Ms. Spizzirri also accused exactly --
- 9 the thing she's accusing of me of, she also accused
- 10 him of doing the exact same thing.
- 11 THE COURT: She accused Mr. Rodriguez of doing
- 12 the exact same thing?
- MS. MELONGO: Exactly. And then when Podlasek
- 14 got that information he redacted because we got the
- 15 subpoena returned from (inaudible) Technology so he
- went on and redacted that entire information.
- 17 THE COURT: All right. Well, I will allow you
- 18 to subpoena is there any accusations relative that
- 19 Victor Rodriguez committed computer tampering but
- 20 not all e-mails, personal files and checks.
- 21 MS. MELONGO: Okay.
- 22 THE COURT: But you can say any and all
- 23 documents relative to Victor Rodriguez in the
- 24 nature if he was accused of computer tampering and

- 1 shows specific dates. That you can do.
- 2 MS. MELONGO: Okay.
- 3 THE COURT: 12, "All documents including
- 4 e-mails, personal files and checks to former Save A
- 5 Life Foundation employee Christian Sacks, SA."
- 6 Who's that?
- 7 MR. MELONGO: Christian Sacks is the one who
- 8 replaced me and Christian Sacks created like bogus
- 9 e-mails.
- 10 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Created what?
- MS. MELONGO: He kind of created a bogus --
- 12 THE COURT: Bogus, okay.
- MS. MELONGO: He created a bogus e-mail
- 14 accusing me of accessing the server of Save a Life
- 15 Foundation. So Christian Sacks is actually -- I
- mean, he's relevant to this case, so I don't know
- 17 why Mr. Podlasek is objecting to that.
- 18 THE COURT: Is Mr. Sacks going to testify?
- MR. PODLASEK: I hadn't planned on calling him.
- MS. MELONGO: If he doesn't I'm going to call
- 21 him.
- THE COURT: You're going to call him?
- MS. MELONGO: Yes.
- 24 THE COURT: For what purpose?

- 1 MS. MELONGO: To come and tell us why he
- 2 created a bogus e-mail accusing me of accessing the
- 3 Save a Life server.
- 4 THE COURT: He sent an e-mail to somewhere
- 5 else?
- 6 MS. MELONGO: Yes. And the State had that E
- 7 mail, the evidence, the G mail, the G account.
- 8 THE COURT: Do you have that E mail?
- 9 MR. PODLASEK: We turned everything over.
- 10 Again information has been tendered to all of her
- 11 attorneys.
- 12 MS. MELONGO: But --
- 13 THE COURT: All right. Hold on. It's too
- broad but I'm going to allow you to again to
- 15 subpoena any documents relative to this case --
- MS. MELONGO: Okay.
- 17 THE COURT: -- as far whatever Christian Sacks
- 18 sent to anyone complaining that you created a
- 19 fictitious or bogus in your words computer scheme
- or whatever exactly it was.
- MS. MELONGO: Okay.
- 22 THE COURT: Okay. But you can't just have any
- 23 and all E mails, personal files and checks. That's
- 24 way too broad.

- 1 MS. MELONGO: Okay.
- 2 THE COURT: All right. It has to be related
- 3 to the case, so I will allow you to do that but
- 4 you're going to have to change that language, okay?
- 5 MS. MELONGO: Yes.
- 6 THE COURT: All right. The next one, State?
- 7 That concludes all that information.
- 8 Actually are there any attorneys that need
- 9 to be in another courtroom right now? I can pass
- 10 this matter? All right. We're going to pass this
- 11 briefly, but I want to get some attorneys out of
- here that need to get to other courtrooms, okay.
- MS. MELONGO: Okay.
- 14 THE COURT: Have a seat, Ms. Melongo and
- Mr. Podlasek, and we will re-call this matter
- 16 shortly.
- 17 (Above-entitled case was passed and
- later re-called.)
- 19 THE CLERK: Re-call Annabel Melongo.
- 20 THE COURT: Okay. Let's move on to the next
- 21 thing.
- 22 MR. PODLASEK: Theresa Harris of the Attorney
- 23 General's Office Charitable Trust Division. She's
- 24 asking for any investigation files regarding Save a

- 1 Life Foundation. There's been no charges brought
- 2 against Save a Life Foundation. They haven't been
- 3 indicted. Spizzirri hasn't been indicted.
- 4 MS. MELONGO: Judge.
- 5 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, we might as well do Mike
- 6 Hood from the Attorney General's Office. It's the
- 7 same subpoena just to the Criminal Division.
- 8 THE COURT: What was Ms. Theresa Harris' role
- 9 in the investigation of the case?
- 10 MR. PODLASEK: Huh?
- 11 MS. MELONGO: Okav.
- 12 THE COURT: Go ahead, Ms. Melongo.
- MS. MELONGO: Judge, actually those subpoenas
- should actually have never been issued, but the
- 15 reason I issued --
- THE COURT: Hopefully you haven't issued them
- 17 yet.
- 18 MS. MELONGO: Yes. Mr. Albukerk issued the
- 19 exact same subpoena.
- THE COURT: Hold on, hold. You have not sent
- 21 the subpoenas out.
- MS. MELONGO: No?
- THE COURT: Okay.
- MS. MELONGO: Anyway, Mr. Albukerk issued those

- 1 subpoenas to Theresa and to Michael Hood and when
- 2 the State got my file he actually went on he and
- 3 removed that information from my file. I can show
- 4 you the subpoena. And then there were actually --
- 5 I have the other subpoena here and I'm going to
- 6 send you the only thing I have. The State removed
- 7 everything and that's why I'm reissuing the
- 8 subpoena. I mean, the State should not have
- 9 removed those. I have the one from Theresa
- 10 somewhere.
- 11 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Melongo, are you
- 12 alleging in these subpoenas or do you have
- information that Save a Life Foundation is being
- 14 investigated criminally by the Attorney General's
- 15 Office?
- MS. MELONGO: Of course, Judge.
- 17 THE COURT: What do you have as a basis?
- 18 MS. MELONGO: I showed you the proof. Judge,
- 19 this is an exchange of correspondence between like
- 20 Senator Bill Bivens. Bivens is a State senator
- 21 asking why the investigation has been pending for
- 22 two years. And this is a response from Lisa
- 23 Madigan's office.
- 24 THE COURT: All right. Ms. Melongo has

- 1 tendered me documents from Senator Bivens to
- 2 Attorney General Lisa Madigan and there is a
- 3 response back from Chief Deputy Attorney General
- 4 confirming that there was an investigation on March
- 5 2, 2012 in saying it's ongoing, Safe a Life
- 6 Foundation and Ms. Spizzirri. What's your
- 7 response?
- 8 MR. PODLASEK: It's an ongoing investigation,
- 9 Judge.
- MS. MELONGO: It's ongoing then the
- investigation can help my case.
- MR. PODLASEK: Judge --
- MS. MELONGO: I don't see why --
- 14 THE COURT: Hold on. One at a time.
- MR. PODLASEK: Ms. Melongo's not entitled to
- law enforcement documents on ongoing
- investigations, simple as that. Of the Attorney
- 18 General wants to come in here and make those public
- 19 on their own, that's fine.
- MS. MELONGO: Judge, the investigation is
- 21 about my case too. You can read the first
- 22 paragraph of this. The investigation is about my
- 23 case. It's not that it has to do with law
- 24 enforcement or something. It is Spizzirri sending

- 1 some information to the Illinois Attorney General
- 2 but later she received from them --
- 3 THE COURT: I'm going to allow Ms. Melongo to
- 4 subpoena any and all documents --
- 5 MS. MELONGO: Thank you, Judge.
- 6 THE COURT: -- as it relates to this case from
- 7 the Attorney General because she has just tendered
- 8 me a letter from an Assistant Attorney General
- 9 Barry Goldberg mentioning Ms. Melongo's name and it
- 10 indicates other people were trying to break into
- 11 the SALF network, the Save a Life Foundation I
- 12 assume.
- 13 MR. PODLASEK: Yes.
- 14 THE COURT: And it does, in fact, relate to
- 15 Ms. Melongo's case. However, those records will
- have to be viewed by me.
- 17 MS. MELONGO: Okay.
- THE COURT: And I will determine what, if any,
- 19 records will be tendered.
- MS. MELONGO: Okay.
- 21 THE COURT: So she may send that subpoena.
- Ms. Melongo, you have to address it as it relates
- 23 to you as well, okay.
- MS. MELONGO: Okay. Thank you.

- 1 THE COURT: What else?
- 2 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, there's numerous
- 3 subpoenas sent out to various banks. I'm going to
- 4 address them. They're all the same is. TCF Bank
- 5 is asking for all financial records of Save a Life
- 6 Foundation from 2005 to 2009; J.P. Morgan Chase,
- 7 the same subpoena; American Express, the same
- 8 subpoena; 5th Third Bank is actually asking for
- 9 bank records for companies called Carerra
- 10 Management Corporation/Windsor Management
- 11 Corporation.
- MS. MELONGO: Judge, I'm going to explain that
- 13 one.
- 14 THE COURT: I'm sorry. You're going to
- withdraw that one did you say?
- MS. MELONGO: No, I'm going to explain that
- 17 one.
- MR. PODLASEK: As far as the bank records,
- Judge, there's no relevance to Ms. Melongo's cases
- 20 her need for American Express records or the bank
- 21 records from Save a Life Foundation.
- 22 THE COURT: All right.
- MR. PODLASEK: Particularly for the entire
- 24 time period that --

- 1 THE COURT: All the subpoenas are the same for 2 all the banks in that they say the account 3 information for Save a Life Foundation in the time frame 2005 to 2009. The information should include 4 5 but not limited to the account information, opening 6 and closing documents, transactions and financial 7 statements. Why do you need that? MS. MELONGO: Okay, Judge. Carol Spizziri 8 9 starting with the incident actually I caused the 10 downfall of her organization and then she lost money and because of the incident she couldn't have 11 12 donations anymore, everything just went belly-up 13 because of me. So in my reasoning if I can get the bank records and show that it was business as 14 15 usual, that had they still got some donations that 16 nothing actually was missing in the day-to-day 17 business of the the organization, then I have a 18 point to win my case. THE COURT: All right. I'm looking at the 19 20 indictment again and you're not charged with having 21 Safe a Life Foundation go under so to speak or go 22 defunct. You're charged with accessing their
- 23 computer data server located int Schiller Park,
- 24 Illinois and permanently deleting, removing or

- 1 altering hundreds of computer files although it
- does say critical to Save a Life Foundation, Inc.'s
- 3 operations; in the process permanently destroyed
- 4 the computer.
- 5 MS. MELONGO: Judge, the indictment stated the
- 6 donation was stopped because of the incident in the
- 7 indictment. I can show you the page where it said
- 8 they lost donation because of the incident. Like
- 9 Page 3 of the indictment, Line 3. So if I can have
- 10 the bank documents and show that a donation was
- 11 received going to the organization and then nothing
- 12 happened to the organization because of the
- incident if the incident it was, then I have a
- 14 point for my case.
- THE COURT: How are you going put this in.
- 16 financial information or that Save a Life
- 17 Foundation went under as a result?
- MR. PODLASEK: Save a Life Foundation, I
- 19 believe the time frames for the computer tamperings
- 20 ended in 2006.
- 21 THE COURT: It says on or about May 1, 2006.
- 22 I'm sorry. From on or about May 28, 2006
- continuing to on or about May 1, 2006.
- MR. PODLASEK: So it's that short time period

- 1 that the computer tampering took place.
- 2 MS. MELONGO: But the damage actually -- like
- 3 she said, the donations was stopped. I mean, the
- 4 reason I wanted 2005 is to compare -- you can only
- 5 compare if you have data from the previous year, so
- 6 if I can see that the organization was flourishing
- 7 in 2005 and because of the incident things started
- 8 declining from 2006 to its closing, then maybe the
- 9 State would have a case it happened because of the
- incident, but I need the 2005 just to compare the
- donations and everything.
- 12 THE COURT: All right. Well, Ms. Melongo, I'm
- 13 not going to allow the State to get into the
- 14 results if they can even show that you did these
- 15 actual things or took these action that these
- 16 actions were caused by you. They're not going to
- 17 get into whether or not Save a Life Foundation went
- defunct because of what the allegations are against
- 19 you. We're not going to get into all Save a Life
- 20 Foundations's history of donations. Are they still
- in existence?
- MR. PODLASEK: No.
- MS. MELONGO: They shut because of me.
- 24 THE COURT: All right. I'm going to deny these

- 1 subpoenas. That's not an issue at trial, okay. So
- 2 these subpoenas are denied.
- MR. PODLASEK: Judge, there's a subpoena to
- 4 Anderson Hospital asking for all documentation of
- 5 donations to Save a Life Foundation from Anderson
- 6 Hospital I think again from the period of 2005 to
- 7 2009.
- 8 MS. MELONGO: Okay.
- 9 THE COURT: How is Anderson Hospital relevant
- 10 to this case?
- 11 MS. MELONGO: Save a Life has kind of
- 12 satellite. Like the headquarters was in Schiller
- 13 Park and then they have offices all over the state.
- 14 Anderson was one of those satellites. So the
- 15 reason I want the documents because if something
- 16 really happened then they should have E mails that
- 17 prove that, oh, we cannot contact you because we
- don't have the documents and all those kind of
- things because in the indictment they say they
- 20 couldn't have access to their -- they say they lost
- 21 all the important documents and everything. So all
- 22 that would reflect in the conversation in the E
- 23 mail or the documents they have from Save a Life
- 24 and that's why I need those documents. Anderson

- 1 was kind of the satellite of Safe a Life
- 2 Foundation.
- 3 THE COURT: What do you mean they were a
- 4 satellite?
- 5 MS. MELONGO: They had an office there.
- 6 Actually Save a Life Foundation has an office. It
- 7 was not the entire hospital.
- 8 THE COURT: At the hospital?
- 9 MS. MELONGO: Yes. They had an office at the
- 10 hospital and actually I only subpoena that office.
- I don't subpoena medical stuff, I just subpoena the
- 12 E mail and the documents and everything.
- 13 THE COURT: All right. I'm going to allow you
- 14 to subpoena any records they may have as it relates
- to you in this case for this time period.
- 16 MS. MELONGO: Okay.
- 17 THE COURT: So you're going to have to change
- 18 the wording. Your wording says all communications
- 19 between Anderson Hospital and Safe a Life
- 20 Foundation from 2005 to the closing of the
- 21 foundation in 2009. That's way overbroad and I'm
- 22 not going allow any and all communications. Only
- 23 as it relates to you as it relates to this computer
- 24 tampering case that you're charged with but not any

- and all communications between Save a Life and
- 2 Anderson Hospital and definitely not medical
- 3 records, if any.
- 4 MS. MELONGO: No.
- 5 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, there's four individuals
- 6 that have been subpoenaed: Brian Salerno, Vincent
- 7 Davis, Dane Neal and Cary Viehweg, V-I-E-H-W-E-G.
- 8 All of them request the same information. It's
- 9 Paragraph 2 that I'm objecting to.
- 10 THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. PODLASEK: Again Ms. Melongo is asking for
- 12 all information regarding the history of Save a
- 13 Life Foundation from 2005 to 2009.
- 14 THE COURT: First of all, who are these
- 15 individuals?
- MS. MELONGO: Okay. Judge, like I said, those
- subpoenas again should not have been re-subpoenaed
- 18 because Mr. Albekerk already sent those subpoenas
- out and then they responded but once the State got
- 20 my --
- 21 THE COURT: No one responded did you say?
- MS. MELONGO: They responded. So when
- 23 Mr. Podlasek got my file, I have all the subpoenas
- 24 here, when Mr. Podlasek got my file he went on and

- 1 removed the documents and that's why I'm re-issuing
- 2 the subpoena. And those were actually -- those
- 3 were all managers at Save a Life Foundation. Some
- 4 of them are in the police reports, that is Schiller
- 5 Park police issued, so that's why I'm asking them
- 6 for any information they have in connection to the
- 7 incident.
- 8 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Podlasek.
- 9 MR. PODLASEK: Judge, the incident took place
- in a very narrow time frame. That's the Stat's
- 11 focus in this case. 2006 is the only operative
- time frame in this case. It's not 2009, 2008,
- 13 2007.
- 14 THE COURT: So you have no objection to the
- subpoena, just to the broad nature?
- MR. PODLASEK: Broad nature of it again,
- 17 Judge.
- 18 THE COURT: Okay.
- MS. MELONGO: Judge, actually I don't know why
- 20 he's talking about the broad nature. Those are the
- 21 subpoenas Albekerk issued.
- THE COURT: I know, but they are overbroad,
- 23 Ms. Melongo. For the record, Paragraph 2 says "All
- communications still in your possession regarding

- 1 Save a Life Foundation from 2005 to the closing of
- 2 the foundation in 2009. Communications should
- 3 include but not limited to memos, E mails, letters
- 4 papers or digital faxes, conversations, notes and
- 5 that's it.
- 6 MS. MELONGO: Judge.
- 7 THE COURT: Go ahead.
- 8 MS. MELONGO: Actually those subpoenas were the
- 9 exact same copy of the ones Mr. Albekerk issued.
- 10 And what I find surprising is when Mr. Albekerk
- issued a subpoena Mr. Podlasek didn't object to
- 12 those subpoenas but now when I'm issuing the
- 13 subpoena he comes and objects to it. Those are
- 14 exactly -- you can take this subpoena word for
- 15 word. I made the exact same copy.
- 16 THE COURT: All right. We're not going to
- 17 compare apples and oranges because Mr. Podlasek may
- 18 not have known that. But I am going to allow you
- 19 to subpoena these individuals but for records as
- 20 they relate to you, not any and all records
- 21 regarding Save a Life Foundation.
- 22 MS. MELONGO: Okay
- 23 THE COURT: Okay. So as it relates to you, if
- 24 they have any information in their possession and

- 1 as it relates to this case.
- 2 MS. MELONGO: Okay.
- 3 THE COURT: Okay. So you will be allowed to
- 4 subpoena those individuals but not in that fashion.
- 5 Mr. Albekerk's subpoena was overbroad as well.
- 6 MR. PODLASEK: That's it, Judge. The other
- 7 ones we have no objection to.
- 8 THE COURT: All right. The State has no
- 9 objection to the other subpoenas so you may send
- 10 out the other subpoenas.
- 11 MS. MELONGO: Okay.
- 12 THE COURT: All right. The corrected ones, I
- would like to see them before you send those out.
- 14 So what's a good date for that?
- MS. MELONGO: Actually, generally I need a lot
- of time. I'm going to need like maybe a month.
- 17 THE COURT: All right. You can send any of the
- one s we've gone over in court and I've corrected.
- 19 I want to see those before you send them out. Any
- of the ones that Mr. Podlasek does not have an
- 21 objection to you can send out immediately.
- MR. PODLASEK: Judge, the only objection, I
- 23 should rephrase that, is that they have to be
- 24 corrected to make sure that the material is

- 1 returned to Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Right. That's why I want to see
- 3 them.
- 4 MR. PODLASEK: And drafted properly.
- 5 THE COURT: All right. Actually that's
- 6 probably a good idea. For all subpoenas I am going
- 7 to revise this and I want to see all of them before
- 8 they go out, all right, just to make sure they're
- 9 in proper form. What's a good date for that? So
- 10 Ms. Melongo, do not send out any subpoenas until I
- 11 have looked at them all, okay.
- ME. MELONGO: Well, Judge, I think we're not
- done yet. We still have the eavesdropping case and
- 14 then during our last assignment you asked us to
- 15 review an eavesdropping case. We should have
- 16 another case going on.
- 17 THE COURT: Correct. State, are you still --
- have you changed your election or are you still
- 19 going on the --
- MR. PODLASEK: Judge, we would still be going
- on the eavesdropping case. We haven't finished
- 22 reviewing the case that came down.
- MS. MELONGO: Judge, may I? During our last
- 24 hearing you give us an assignment. It was actually

- 1 an assignment, it's almost like a month ago. You
- 2 gave us an assignment to review the 7th Circuit --
- 3 the 7th Circuit Court of Appeal ruling in the \underline{ACLU}
- 4 v. Alvarez case, and everything that was said in
- 5 that ruling maintained the fact that my case should
- 6 be dismissed. In fact, the State in responding to
- 7 my motion to dismiss --
- 8 THE COURT: Hold on, Ms. Melongo. I know
- 9 you're arguing it. I'm going to give both sides an
- opportunity to re-argue Ms. Melongo's motion to
- 11 declare the eavesdropping statute unconstitutional
- in light of the case that I told both parties about
- 13 and asked them to re-read.
- MS. MELONGO: Judge, we're --
- THE COURT: We're not going to do that today.
- We're going hold this over. We're going to hold it
- 17 to the same date as your subpoenas and I'm going to
- 18 rule on that date. But I'm going to allow both
- 19 side to prepare to argue the effect of that case on
- 20 this case.
- MS. MELONGO: Judge, I ironed everything out
- 22 and I to file it today. Actually I have everything
- 23 printed out and everything.
- 24 THE COURT: You May file it.

- 1 MS. MELONGO: If you can file it.
- 2 THE COURT: Stuart.
- 3 MS. MELONGO: If you can make a copy and give
- 4 me another copy.
- 5 THE COURT: Is that all one document?
- 6 MS. MELONGO: Yes.
- 7 MS. MELONGO: Just give us a week.
- 8 THE COURT: You'll have all your subpoenas in
- 9 ready in a week?
- MS. MELONGO: (Nodding.)
- 11 THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. PODLASEK: What about the 19th of June,
- 13 Judge?
- MS. MELONGO: The 19th is a week away. What
- 15 about next week?
- MR. PODLASEK: Judge, I have a full schedule
- 17 next week.
- THE COURT: Actually I was tied up too,
- 19 Ms. Melongo. I was looking at the 14th and the
- 20 19th would also work.
- MS. MELONGO: Judge, let's do it this week. I
- 22 can have my subpoena ready even today. If we can
- 23 come back tomorrow or --
- 24 THE COURT: I understand. I'm to give

- 1 Mr. Podlasek time. This is going to be the last
- 2 time we argue it whatever date we set.
- 3 MR. PODLASEK: Set it for the 19th or 20th.
- 4 THE COURT: How is the 19th?
- 5 MS. MELONGO: Judge, actually I should not
- 6 continue by agreement anymore I already asked for
- 7 time. So it has to be continued by order of court.
- 8 THE COURT: I understand, but you have a motion
- 9 to dismiss pending and the term won't run anyway
- 10 because whenever a defendant has a motion on file
- 11 the term is not running against the State, so it
- 12 really does not matter how it goes.
- MS. MELONGO: Okay. Let's put it for the 19th
- 14 then.
- 15 THE COURT: He said he's not available the
- 16 14th, so we're going to set this then by agreement
- 17 to June 19th.
- 18 MS. MELONGO: Judge --
- 19 THE COURT: And it will be for argument and
- 20 ruling on that date. And please have your
- 21 subpoenas ready.
- MS. MELONGO: Thank you.
- THE COURT: And Ms. Melongo, if you can just
- 24 have a seat then. Stuart, my clerk is making

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          MR. PODLASEK: As well as for us too.
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          THE COURT: And you too.
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          MS. MELONGO: No, Judge. He has to do his own
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     research.
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          THE COURT: Whenever you file something in
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     court it's public. Mr. Podlasek is entitled to a
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     copy just as you are if you file something. That's
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     the way it works.
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          MS. MELONGO: Thank you, Judge.
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